

PREFACE

The story of "Hans and Martha" has taken me about four years to research, and of course, it is not complete. There are dates and names missing as well as where the person was born. A few of the families did not send in all the information and the actual count of Martinson's is not correct, but there are approximately 622 of us!

I have enjoyed researching and writing this history, wrote nearly 150 letters and visited many of you. In June, 1982, Mother and I attended the wedding of Nancy Nelson Ohmen, daughter of Beverly Oyen Nelson. While in St. Paul, we met the families of Jack Oyen and Marian Oyen Snowberg, and visited with Aunt Tillie and Marilyn Isaacson Weber's family. In Fergus Falls we were guests of Anna M. Cookman, Effie M. Rix and Junith M. Christenson. We spent two days in Rothsay and had a "grand tour" of the area with Clarice M. Grins, Kathryn M. Platin Peterson and Esther Martinson. We visited the homestead of Hans and Martha, the farms of Martin, Jens, Thorwald, Gilbert and Hilmer, the Hamar Lutheran Church and cemetery. Then on to visit more relatives: Clara Anderson, Harry, Lester and James Martinson and spent an afternoon in Abercrombie with Anna Loff Overby.

There are errors and omissions in this history. I ask you to correct them, add to the stories and send them to me. But most of all, write them down for your children. In Gary Wigdehl's book about Rothsay, "Twist Hill and Prairie", he says "eyesights dim and memories fail, but the written records endure".

In this large family, I hope I will find someone besides Anna Cookman who is interested in doing some research. Perhaps someone in the Rothsay area will check the Hamar Lutheran Church and Ouse Museum records. We still need verification of the birth and death dates of the three "missing" children. Tolwell? b. 1876, Gustave b. 1879, and Ole? Also look for Andrew (brother of Hans) Martinson, and his wife Karen. Where did they live in Rothsay? More information is needed on the other two brothers of Hans, Guldbrand and Tobias.

Maybe "several someones" would like to take a field trip to the Wilkins Co. Historical Society in Breckenridge. In the near future, they will have on microfilm the newspapers "Rothsay Record" and "Rothsay Enterprise". Begin with 1880 and I'm sure you'll find many references to the Martinson family. Sylvia Karlsgaard of the Society will help you, she is a "cousin" of Junith Christenson.

Then a note to my St. Paul relatives. I have found the Minnesota State Historical Society, 1500 Mississippi St., St. Paul, to be one of the best. Everything is on microfilm for you. Check the 1885, 1890, 1895 Minnesota Census for Wilkins County, Atherton and Tanberg Township. Look for Hans and Martha and children, Hans parents, Martin and Thoran Hanson, the brothers and the missing children.

After reviewing several numbering or index systems, I decided to use a very simple form for this story. I wanted the head of the family, children and grandchildren to run on consecutive pages for easier reading. If you are doing genealogy research, I'm sure you will have your own numbering system and can easily transfer this information.

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Roman Numbers I, II, III

Capital Letters A, B, C

Arabic Numerals 1, 2, 3

Small Letters a, b, c

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Families from Norway

Children of Hans and Martha

Grandchildren of Hans & Martha

Greatgrandchildren of Hans & Martha

great, greatgrandchildren of Hans & Martha

great, great, great, of Hans & Martha

I have used the abbreviations b for born, m for married, and d for died.

In counting the number of relatives, I have used only the numbers of direct descendants of Hans and Martha. All other children, adopted or born to former wife or husband are included in the history.

The typist is my mother, Ida Martinson Wilson, age 84. Until I started this research, she didn't realize she had so many relatives.

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"HANS AND MARTHA"

This is the story of my great-grandparents of the Hadeland area of Norway and Rothsay, Minnesota; Hans Martinson and his family of Jevnaker and Martha Jenson and her family of Brandbu. The Martinson's and Jenson's were just one small part of the great migration of Norwegians to America.

The first emigration of Norwegians left Stavanger in 1825 to New York, founding a small colony known as the Kendall Settlement. Conditions were harsh during the first years and the colony did not thrive. A decade passed before the next group left Stavanger in 1836.

As settlers learned of the Midwest plains, they moved to Fox River, Illinois. This was the beginning; word spread to other parts of Norway and emigration became an annual event, families usually leaving in April and May. Over 1,000 people left in 1840; 6,000 in 1861 and reaching the highest number in 1882 when 29,000 people left Norway. It is estimated that over 800,000 people left Norway in the hundred year period of 1825-1925.

In the distinct class system of Norway, there were landholders (bonders); next came cotters (husman) who received a few acres of land and a small home in return for services to the land owner. Apart from these two groups there were renters, laborers and servants whose prospects for better lives were minimal, except through immigration.

During the early 1800's, the Scandinavian countries saw a population growth, and increase in agricultural production and improved health care, but not a growth of jobs and economic opportunity. The marriage rate increased due to land reforms, mainly the right to divide a homestead among several heirs. The farms were divided and sub-divided with everyone struggling to make a living on his small piece of land. Masses of hired men and women and their children had no place to work or live. Crop failures and falling prices in the 1860's and 1880's contributed to the unrest. Immigration became an escape. In the 1840's in America, the Norwegian settlements shifted from North Illinois, in 1850-1870's to Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Later they moved to the Pacific Northwest where forests and rivers enabled them to assume familiar lifestyles: farmer, fishermen, lumberjack and mill workers. The first Washington settlement was in Stanwood, north of Seattle in 1875.

Long into the night "America was discussed in the servant and tenant homes all over Norway". The decision to leave would be made. Sometimes the eldest son, or if there was enough money, two brothers would go. Then in America they would work, save money for the next brother or sister to come. First he had to go to the pastor of his church parish to obtain his "Flytingbrev", this was an official exit permit, an important document since technically no Norwegian could leave his home parish without the permit. It would give his full name, parents name, his status, occupation and where he would be moving, some times it would just say "Til Norre America". In doing research, you are extremely lucky if you can find your relatives "Flytingbrevs".

Population and church records are excellent in all three countries. It was the duty of each pastor to keep an accurate record of all in his parish. Marriage, births, baptisms, deaths were all recorded as well as where they lived, their occupation, health and sometimes their debts. Upon arrival to a parish, they would present their "Flyingbrevia" to the pastor and be registered. It is fairly simple, even now, to find a relative through the archives if you have his name, birth date and parish.

Each tenant, hired hand, man or woman had a small wooden chest sometimes called a "Skrinett" in which he kept his belongings when he moved from farm to farm. These chests became known as the "American Chest" to be taken with them filled with extra clothing, a special picture or book, dried beans, lentils, cured meat, cheese and bread. The family did not travel first class; often in dirty crowded boats, each family assigned one or two bunks with blankets strung up for privacy. In early times, before 1805, conditions were more crowded. Each family had an allotted time on deck to cook their meals and breathe a little fresh air. The majority of immigrants landed in New York at Ellis Island. The family then traveled by train to their destination, usually an area where relatives, friends or people from their home areas were already established. Each nationality settled in its own ethnic community, retaining their language, customs and building their own church.

There were many name changes with the Scandinavian immigrant. Sometimes he changed or added to his name before immigration, but usually it was done upon arrival in America. This name changing was due to the patronymic system of naming of your children. This system was used in all of Scandinavia until about 1860-1880. A child had his given name: Hans; and "sen" or "son" was added to his fathers given name, Martin for the child's surname. Hans Martinson was Hans, the son of Martin, or Martin's son. A daughter would add "dotter" to her fathers given name. Martha was known as Martha Jensdotter. This name a woman kept all her life, whether she married or not, which is a help when researching names. In America, the "dotter" was dropped, and women used the "sen" or "son" as did the men. There were also more or less strict rules for naming your children. The first son was named for the paternal grandfather. The second son was named for the maternal grandfather. The first daughter was named for the paternal grandmother. The second daughter was named for the maternal grandmother. When these names were used, great-grandparents names were used without strict rules or order. Also, if there was a deceased member of the family, a brother or sister, that name was used again. So we see in several generations, the same names being used over and over, with brothers and sisters using the name of the paternal or maternal grandparents as well. The first son of Hans and Martha, Martin born in 1871, was named for his paternal grandfather, Martin Hanson. The second son Jens, born in 1874, was named for his maternal grandfather Jens Jenson.

Norwegians, usually in rural areas, had three names. Their given name, the patronymic and a farm name. The farm name did not necessarily identify a family relationship, it was an address. If a person moved, he retained his given name, the patronymic, but changed the farm name. He may have been born, married, raised his family on the same farm or moved many times, each time changing the farm name. Sometimes "eie" after the farm name denotes the person worked on the farm, not ownership. The "Martinson family" is found on the Haga, Roen and Sogn farms of the Jevnaker area. Even today, you can visit rural Norway and find many of the farm names as they have been for several hundred years. There are also rules for naming and changing farm names, which is only done by the government. Many of the farms go back to Viking days. If you find records of your ancestors like Haas Tollefaen Haga and his son Hans Hansen Haga of the Haga farm of Jevnaker, you can be reasonably certain that they are your relatives.

An immigrant would retain his given name, possibly the patronymic or maybe drop that and use his farm name or all three names. The important thing was to have an easily pronounced and written name in English. On the whole, the immigrant was not too particular which surname he used. Even in cases where the farm name was retained as a surname, it was often changed and modified so it is now unrecognizable. Another point to remember is most official American records were written by a clerk or pastor. Even if the person could read or write, the chances are, he gave the information orally and the clerk wrote down what he thought he heard. Hakonsen became Hawkinson; Jansson, and Jonasson both became Johnson.

The Martinson's did not retain their farm name in America. Only 5% of the Norwegians used all three names. My maternal great-great grandparents and great grandparents used three names. Ole Jensen and family lived and worked on the Skjefstad farm in the Ostre-Toten area. When they immigrated, they Americanized the name to Schefstad. They were known as the Ole Jensen Schefstads. Two of their sons were John O. (O for Olson) and Ole O. Schefstad. A third son, my great grandfather, Gustave Oleon and family, at the time of immigration, were living on the Lie or Li farm. The "Lee" name he retained; so we find Gustave O. Lee and Ole O. and John O. Schefstad as brothers in Wilkens County, Rothsay, Minnesota. Norwegian names also used "sen", but in America, the Norwegians used "son", the Danes used "sen". The "sen" in the patronymic was the Danish spelling.

Norway was under Danish rule for 400 years prior to the defeat of Napoleon in 1814. Under the treaty of Kiel, Denmark, which had entered the war on the side of Napoleon, was forced to cede Norway to Sweden. So ended in 1814 the long Danish rule over the Norwegian people. The Norwegians were not pleased at being passed from one "stepfather" to another. Angry meetings all over Norway resulted in the Assembly of Eidsvold. On May 17, 1814, the assembly adopted a constitution. May 17, "Syttende Mai" is still celebrated as Norwegian Independence Day with a large peoples parade in Oslo. The parade starts off with the King's Color Guard, followed by school children, marching bands and folks in colorful costumes all marching up Karl Johans Street to the palace where the King and family review the parade. Richard and I were there in 1979 joining the marchers for awhile up the street, right behind the King's Guard. It was a big day for Norwegians, it was for me too; my birthday. It was not until 1905 that Norway was truly independent. Four hundred years of Danish rule, 91 years of Swedish rule - no wonder "syttende Mai" is a big day.

It wasn't until 1925 that Oslo regained its name from the Danish "Christiania" (all Danish Kings were either Fredrick or Christian and one of them had named Oslo Christiana).

Although people left Norway for many reasons, they were primarily hoping to better themselves. Through letters from America of families that had gone before, the word spread--free land. The Homestead Act of 1862 gave to any settler, U.S. citizen, or alien, who declared his intentions to become a citizen, 160 acres. He was required to live on and cultivate the land for 5 years -- "to prove up the claim". He may also obtain the land by purchasing it for \$1.25 an acre; with no requirement of residence or cultivation. To land-hungry Norwegians, America must truly be the "Land of Opportunity". Imagine free land, and all he had to do was work. This he had been doing all his life for someone else. It was to this land - America - that Hans Martinson immigrated in 1868, the first child of Martin and Thoran Hanson to Clayton County, Iowa, leaving his parents, brothers and sisters to come at a later time.

I am sure Hans was one of the restless ones; anxious to immigrate, to gain freedom, land and wealth. Hans Martinson's family came from Jevnaker, Norway, which is Northwest of Oslo in Oppland County. At that time, I had traced his family back to:

- ①. Hans Tollerfson Haga b. 1748.
m Marte Jonsdotters 1778, b. 1751
Children:
Jon Hanssen b. 1782
Tobias Hanssen b. 1783
Hans Hanssen b. 1789
- ②. Hans Hanssen Haga b. 1789
m Anne Andersdotters 1812 b 1788
Son: Martin Hanssen b. Jan, 1823 (I'm sure there are other children).
- ③. Martin Hanssen Roen b. 2 Jan. 1823
d. 5 Dec 1906 Rothsay, Mn
m Tarran Andersdotter 13 May 1845 at Jevnaker Church. They were working on the Sogn farm.
b. 27 Oct 1811, Al, Norway
d 4 Mar 1908 Rothsay Mn.
Tarran or Thoran parents were Anders Fridricksen and Gunvor Mielddotter of Hammerbo farm, Al Norway.
Children: Born on the Sogn farm, Jevnaker.
Hans Martinson b. 6 Apr 1846
Anders Martinson b 9 June 1848
Gudbrand Martinson b 28 Dec. 1850
Tobias Martinson b 27 Aug 1853
Maren Torine Martinson b. 10 or 13 Jan 1857

The first child of Martin and Thoran Hanssen or Hanson was Hans Martinson b. 6 Apr 1846 on Sogn Farm. Married Martha Jensen 13 Jan. 1871, Clayton County, Iowa.

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Re: Hans Martinson's Family

Gran, Mars 5. 1984.

Dear Mrs. Petersen.

I - Member of Vestoppland Slektshistorielag - will try to answer some of your questions:

I have found 5 children of Martin Hansen:

1. Hans b. April 6, 1846 baptized May 5, 1846, ratified May 5, 1861 emigrated unmarried April 1866.
2. Anders (Andrew) b. June 9, 1848 baptized July 2, 1848, ratified May 13, 1867 emigrated unmarried May 19, 1876.
3. Gudbrand b. Dec. 28, 1850 baptized Mars 31, 1851 ratified May 13, 1866. Not found the emigration date.
4. Tobias b. August 27, 1853 baptized Sept. 30, 1853, ratified May 23, 1869. Not found the emigration date.
5. Maren Torine b. January 13, 1857, baptized April 5, 1857. She left Norway together with her parents May 24, 1893 and a little child: Maren Mathes Tobiasdtr. b. Mars 21, 1874. Her father was Tobias Martinsen, unmarried, and a girl Ingeborg Johannesdtr Enger, was the mother.

Martin Hansen was 60 years old when he left Norway and his wife Taran Andersdtr was 72 years old.

I have not found any children or wife to Hans Martinsen in Jevnaker.

In census 1801 in Jevnaker are Hans Hansen Haga 12 years old. His parents are: Hans Tollefsen Haga 53 years, and Marte Jonsdtr. 50. There are also 2 brothers: Tobias, 18 years and Jon, 19. Hans Tollefsen and Marte Jonsdtr. got married 1778. Hans Hansen and Anne Andersdtr. married 1812 on Haga in Jevnaker.

Anne Andersdtr. was born in Ringerike and are not in the census for Jevnaker 1801, but in the census for Ringerike I found on the farm Rachstad: Anders Haraldsen and wife Eli Trulsdtr. They had 4 children: Marte, 16 years old; Anne, 13; Harald, 11; and Randi 8. Anders Haraldsen had a father: Harald Jorgensen. Eli Trulsdtr. died on Haga, as widow. In 1801 Anders Haraldsen was 49 years and Eli Trulsdtr was 47 years old.

The parents to Taran Andersdtr. was Anders Fridricksen Hammersboneie and Gunnvaar Nieldtr. Hagen from Aal parish in Hallingdal. They got married November 4, 1810.

Sincerely,

Hans M. Naess

P.S. I would like to have that book Prof. Gerhard Naeseth is writing on Norwegian Emigrants settling in the Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin areas.

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Re: Hans Martinson's Family

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Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter of January 21, 1981.

May 13, 1845 Martin Hansen, born at Roeneie, living at Sogneie, 22 years old, married Taran Anderadtr. Hammersboeie, born in Aal parish, 34 years old. His father was Hans Hanssen, her father Anders Fredriksen. (Jevnaker parish register 6, 1837-1857, page 185b, number 8.)

The parish registers of Aal parish are kept at Statsarkivet i Oslo, Postboks 8 Kringsja, Oslo H.

Martin, a son of Hans Hanssen Roeneie and his wife Anne Anderadtr., was born January 2, 1823, and was baptised at Jevnaker church Feb. 2, 1823. (Jevnaker parish register 5, 1815-1837, page 44b, number 10.)

Hans, a son of Martin Hanssen Sogneie and Taran Anderadtr., was born April 6, 1846. (Jevnaker parish reg. 6, 1837-1857, page 32b, number 30.)

Maren Thorine, a daughter of Martin Hanssen Sogneie and Taran Anderadtr., was born January 13, 1857. (Jevnaker parish reg. 6, page 85b, number 24.)

The three dollars you sent have been used for research and postage.

Sincerely,

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Re: Hans Martinson's Family

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Dear Mrs. Petersen:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, with the letter from Hamar. Clearly you have made some progress.

You asked some questions about the names. The January issue of "Norwegian Tracks" included a helpful article on Norwegian farm names.

The "eie" at the end of Sogneie and Hammersboneie and Roeneie is a suffix which denotes a tenant situation. In other words, Martin Hansen was the son of a tenant or cotter, living at Roen; and in 1845 Martin was a tenant or cotter living and working at Sogn. And Taran came also from that kind of situation. As did a great many of our ancestors; this is why so many came to America.

So, Martin Hansen was born on the Roen farm. When he married in 1845, he was living on the Sogn farm. He married a girl who came from the Hammersbo farm in the parish of Aal.

To help resolve the confusion, I am enclosing xeroxed pages from a set called "norske Gardebruk." Two of the pages describe the Roen farm, two the Sogn farm, each with some parts, in Jevnaker.

As for Hammersbo in Aal, I find a Hamarsboen farm in Hol, which is next door to Aal; description enclosed.

In writing to Oslo, tell what you know about Taran and her parentage, mention both Aal and Hol.

Yours very sincerely,

Gerhard E. Naeseth

P. S. Since we last corresponded, the Museum has made some changes; I enclosed an explanatory letter.

I have waited nearly a year for information on Martha's family of the Madeland area of Norway, from Hans Naess of Gran. Fortunately it arrived in December, in time to be included.

Martha Jenson Martinson's Family

1. Nils Christensen Tingelstad
m. Ragne Hansdotter
2. Jens Nilsen Hvalbyeie b. 21 Jan. 1773
m. Berthe Syverdotter 24 Jan. 1804 at Koen Church.
They were living on Sorum Farm. Berthe was b. 1776
Children:
Iver Jensen Christened 19 August 1804
Marthe Jensdotter Chr. 1 Dec. 1805
Nils Jensen b. 26 May 1808 - died
Nils Jensen b. 29 Oct. 1810
Jens Jensen b. 25 Sept. 1812

The above children born on Hvalbyeie Farm. Ingeborg Jensdotter b. 6 Jan. 1817 on Stated Farm.

3. Jens Jensen Hvalbyeie b. 25 Sept. 1812 on Laehren
m. Gunnhild Olsdotter Høigseie 26 Jan. 1837
Gunnhild b. 26 Oct. 1814.
Children:
Berthe Jensdotter b. 3 July 1837
Marthe Jensdotter b. 10 Jan. 1840 d. 25 Mar. 1847
Iver Jensen b. 10 May 1842 d. 16 Aug. 1842
Kari Jensdotter b. 17 Sept. 1843 d. 20 Mar 1847
Ole Jensen b. 20 Feb. 1846
Jens Jensen b. 4 Oct. 1848 d. in Iowa
Marthe Jensdotter b. 11 Jan 1852 born on Dvergsten
Kari Jensdotter b. 11 Jan 1852 Farm. Chr. at
Brandsbu Church
Ingeborg Jensdotter b. 20 Apr. 1854

In 1866 or 1867 Martha Jenson immigrated with her parents Jens and Gunnhild Jenson, her sister Berthe, brothers Jens and Ole. There is no record of Martha's twin sister Kari immigrating. She may have died. I have heard the story several times that Martha was a twin and now we have proof. The family settled in Clayton County, Marion Township where Martha met Hans Martinson.

I have used the films from the American Lutheran Church Archives in Dubuque, Iowa of the Marion Lutheran Church. The Secretary of the E. Clermont Church has checked their records and we cannot find the record of Hans and Martha's wedding, Martin and Jens' birth or the death or burial of Jens and Gunnhild Jensen. I have yet to check the film of the Norway Lutheran Church at St. Olaf, Iowa. Maybe?

In the 1870 Federal census for Marion Township, Clayton County, Iowa the family is listed as Jenson, Jim age 68, Gunnhild age 55, Jim age 20, Martha age 18. In the 1880 census, they had gone back to Jenson spelling of their name. Jens had died, Gunnhild is 65 years old, Jens is 30 years old and also listed is a child Ole Nelson, age 5.

December 1894

Re: Martha Janson's Family

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Dear LuVerne Petersen!

I have found some relationships to your great grandmother, but I have worked a long time for it, because I had to look in more church registers before I found them.

Martha's sisters and brothers:

Bertne	b. 7-3 chr. 7-10 - 1837 in Sorumseie in Moen
Marthe	b. 1-10 chr. 2-9 - 1840 in Sorumseie in Moen
	d. 3-25 - 1847 by chincough
Iver	b. 5-10 chr. 5-15 - 1842 in Sorumseie in Moen.
	d. 8-16 - 1842
Kari	b. 9-17 chr. 10-1 - 1843 in Gjeftseneie in Moen.
	d. 3-20 - 1847 by chincough
Ole	b. 2-20 chr. 3-8 - 1846 in Gjeftseneie in Moen.
Jens	b. 10-4 chr. 11-12-1848 in Gjeftseneie in Moen.
Marthe and Kari	b. 1-11 chr. 2-29-1852 in Dvergsteneie in Brandbu.
Ingeborg	b. 4-20 chr. 5-25-1854 in Lundoreiet in Gran

Martha's parents were: Jens Jensen Hvalbyeie b. 9-25-1812 on Læhren in Gran. m. 1-26-1837 w. Gunnhild Oldstr. Haugseie b. 10-26-1814.

Jens Jensens parents were: Jens Nilsen Hvalbyeie b. about 21-1-1773 m. 1-24-1804 to Berthe Syversdtr. Sorum in Moen in Gran.

Berthe was born 1776 and chr. 1 Sunday after Easter.

Berthe had more brothers and sisters, and I have found:

Ditlev b. ab. 1763

Marthe b. ab. 1775 m. to Torsten Briksen (Farmer on Sorum)

Siri b. ab. 1780

Kari b. ab. 1783

Berthe's parents were: Syver Ditlevsen Sorum, d. before 1801, and 10-6-1761 married to Marthe Evensdtr. (60 years in 1801)

Jens Nilsen Hvalbyeies parents were: Nils Christensen Tingelstad and Ragne Hansdtr.

Gunnhild Oldstrs parents were: Ole Larsen Hvamstad (man-servant on Hvamstad farm) married 12-12-1803 to Marthe Larsdtr. Stasted (maidservant on Stasted farm)

Jens Jensen was also living on more places before he left Norway. He was born on Læhren, had 3 children in Sorumseie, 3 children in Gjefteneie, 2 children in Dvergsteneie, and 1 child on Lundereie, and at last he was living in Hvalskvaern before he left Norway. I think he was a poor man, and was looking for a better position, and when he couldn't find it in Norway, he emigrated to America.

Sincerely,

Hans M. Naess

P.S. I have found some brothers and sisters to Jens Jensen Hvalebyeie: Marthe chr. 12-1-1805, Iver chr. 8-13-1804, Nils b. 5-26-1808 d. and a new Nils b. 10-29-1810, Ingeborg b. 1-6-1817, but no Anna. D.S. all born in Hvalebyeie except Ingeborg. She was born on Stastadeie.



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Dear Mrs. Petersen:

Thank you for your letter of January 3 about your family. I can give you some of the answers. Let's see how we come out.

Several of your questions concern geography. Hadeland is an area made up of four official communities: Gran, Brandbu, Jevnaker and Lunner. To complicate this, at times Brandbu was considered a part of Gran, Lunner a part of Jevnaker. I am returning your map on which I have marked in red roughly where Gran (at the top), then Brandbu (I see that the line should be a little farther north), Jevnaker lower left, and Lunner lower right are in relation to each other. Most of the other names you see on the map are important farms.

You mention Ringerike. Hønefoss is in Ringerike, just to the southwest of Jevnaker. Probably a better known area, perhaps contributing to the mixup in names. What Mr. Naess has done for you is to note exactly where the church book recorded the baptism and the family living. Now since your family is noted as "eie," this means that they were cotters without much in the way of property rights. Thus it was normal for them to move around, in a kind of laborer relationship. In other words, some of the children were born on the Sørum farm in Moen; some on the Gjeften farm in Moen; some of the Oversten farm in Brandbu; some of the Lunder farm in Gran. And as you look at the parents names, you see a similar spread of farm name.

Chincough? I wonder if this isn't chicken cough. By the way, since our earlier correspondence, our Vesterheim Genealogical Center has purchased on microfilm the church records for Toten, and is getting them for Hadeland -- probably too late to be of any help to you.

This week I will see if some of the books in the library do a little more in locating the farms and churches you have indicated. Now about Hans Martinson. I feel quite sure that ~~Jevn~~ and Roen are farms related to this family.

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Yours very sincerely,

Gerhard B. Naesseth
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Until this spring when Mother mentioned "my Dad's cousin in Yakima, Wa", I knew very little of Martha's family. I had been unsuccessful in finding her birth record in Ringerike as her obituary states. The "cousin" is Jesseline Otilia Jenson Sparle who wrote me the Jenson family came from Hadeland. Jesseline's father and Martha were brother and sister.

This September, Mother, Richard and I drove to Yakima, WA for the day. Jesseline met us at the door with "I've been waiting for you". She is 97 years old, still lives in her own home with her daughter Billie. Jesseline is a tall, straight, raw-boned Norwegian, alert, sharp, clear mind who has many family stories to tell. She uses a cane, "a little stiff in the morning". She is still able to do hand-work, has made nearly 200 lap robes for the "old folks" in a nursing home and many quilts for her children. Jesseline knows very little about her grandparents Jens and Gunnild Jenson except they had died before her parents were married and were buried in S. Clermont Cemetery. She listed the children of Jens and Gunnild as: 1. Bertha Jenson m. Thomas Gunderson. They had 5 children. 3 boys and 2 girls named Martha & Mathilda. The family moved to San Jose, Ca.

2. Ole Jenson - changed his name to Johnson. They had five children.
3. Jens Jenson (her father) b. 1848 m. Marie Oleson of Malmo, Sweden - 25 Sept., 1882 at the E. Clermont Church, Marion Twp., Clayton County, Iowa. Jens & Marie settled on 20 acres in Marion Twp. Their first home was a dug-out in a hillside. Here the first 2 children, Gina and Jesseline, were born and living with them was Marie's mother. Imagine, 3 adults and 2 children in a dugout! Their next home was a log house.

4. Martha b. 11 Jan. ~~1851~~ or 1852

Jens and Marie Jenson's children: (Jens is Martha's brother)

1. Gina Matthea b. 4 Nov. 1883, Clayton County, Iowa
m. Oscar Warnstrom 25 May 1905 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
She died 26 Aug. 1962 in Pendleton, Oregon.
2. Jesseline Otilia b. 27 Apr 1887, Clayton County, Iowa
m. Isaac C. Sparle 24 April 1913 in Yakima, Wa. They
had 6 children. She lives at 109-No. 7th Ave., Yakima
Washington 98901
3. Joseph Oscar Jenson b. 25 Jan 1889, Clayton County, Iowa
m. Grace Berg 14 Feb. 1923 in Panhandle, Texas.
Died 17 Dec. 1982 in Guyton, Oklahoma.

4. George Melvin Jensen b. 19 Nov. 1890, Clayton County, Iowa, m. Catherine Whitlow 30 May 1930 in Drumright, OK. Died 11 Feb. 1964 in Las Vegas, New Mexico
5. Bridget Helen b 5 Jan 1895 in Clayton County, Iowa m. Gus Oleson 14 Nov. 1918 in Panhandle, Texas. Died 21 June 1946 in Panhandle, Texas
6. Jennie Mary b 21 Dec 1896, Clayton County, Iowa m. Las Hill 5 Apr 1916 in Panhandle Texas. Had 5 children. She lives in a nursing home in Guymon, OK.
7. Florence Elvina b. 3 Sept 1907, Clayton County, Iowa m. Peter Duhl 18 Nov. 1925 in Panhandle, Texas. Florence lives near her son on a ranch in Texas.

In 1911, Jens and Marie Jensen moved to Panhandle, Texas where they were wheat farmers. Jens died 2 Dec. 1922 on the train near Kansas City, MO. He was coming home from Fergus Falls, MN where he had been visiting his sister Martha. Marie died 31 Dec. 1922. Both are buried in Oslo Lutheran Cemetery, Panhandle, Texas.

In 1910, Jesseline came to Rothsay to visit and work for Gilbert and Marit Flatin. She met all her cousins and still has pictures of them in her photo book. Jens and Mathilda's wedding picture, Tillie and Thea in their nurses uniform, Thorwald, and even a picture of Pastor Ole Valdeland who married Hans and Martha. In 1912, Jesseline moved to Yakima, Washington to help her sister Gina with their four children. In 1913, Jesseline married Isaac Sparle.

Martha and Hans were married 13 Jan 1878, probably at the 2. Clermont Lutheran Church by the Rev. Ole Valdeland. From the records, we know Pastor Valdeland served the Norway, Clermont, and Marion Churches. This information I obtained from Pastor Donald Berg of Decorah, Iowa, who is researching the records of the Lutheran Churches of the area. The marriage record is found in the County Courthouse of Elkader, Iowa, Vol. O. Jan 14 1869 - Dec. 27, 1895, page 6, Line 9, Martha was listed as Martha Jameson. I am sure the family tried to Americanize the name, but at a later time went back to Jensen or Jensen.

I have no proof of my grandfathers birth, but believe he was born in Clayton County, Marion Twp., Iowa on 29 Nov. 1871. At some time there must have been a Martinson Family Bible with all the recorded births and deaths of the family, but it is apparently lost to us now. When Hans died in 1915, Martha gave a brown leather, with a metal edge and clasp, Norwegian Bible to each of her children. I have my Grandpa Martin's Bible, but only his name is written in the flyleaf. There are no Iowa County or State birth records kept prior to 1880 in either Clayton or Fayette Counties.

It was not unusual to find families moving two or three times before actually homesteading. As the areas in Dane County, Wisconsin, Fillmore County, Minnesota and Clayton County, Iowa became crowded and settled families would decide to move to less populated areas. Wilkin County in West Central Minnesota was available.

It was settled around 1856 in the Breckearidge area and McCauleyville in 1858. In 1868 Wilkin County was organized, named for Col. Alexander Wilkins. The railroad arrived in Rothsay in 1879 and the village was named by a railroad official for his home in Scotland. The Norwegian settlers wanted to name the village Tanberg after Christian Tanberg who platted the town, but the name chosen by the railroad stayed.

Almost all of Wilkin County lies within the bed of the glacial lake called Lake Agassiz, which was over 700 miles long, flowing into Canada. When people who lived in the area talked about the land to the West of Rothsay, they would say, "my uncle lives West of here on the flats". Glacier sediment was built up into layers producing rich soil, later covered with waist high grasses. This was the farm land to be had by applying for a Homestead, flat with no trees, ready for the plow. To the East of Rothsay are wooded rolling hills that produced the timber for building and fuel for the stoves.

Sometime later, before 1883, the Martinson family moved to Tanberg Twp. where Hans received his Homestead patent, in Alexandria MN, Oct. 1888, for the "fourth East quarter of Section 22 in Twp. 135 of range 45". Ulysses S. Grant was president of the United States. Probably all other children were born in Tanberg, Twp.

Thorwald	b. 27 Jan. 1883
Hanna	b. 1 Jan. 1886 d. 30 Apr 1904, buried in Hamar cemetery
Gilbert	b. 13 Dec. 1886
Kathilda	b. 24 June 1889
Hilmer	b. 25 Apr. 1891
Ther	b. 9 Mar. 1893
Josephine	b. 12 July 1895

I do not know when the brick house was built in Tanberg, Twp. It was a grand home. Mother and I visited it in June, 1982 with Clarice Martinson Grina and Kathryn Martinson Flatin Peterson, and Esther Martinson. What a fun day we had. The home is still in good condition, now owned by Morris Ness. Mother remembers visiting the home as a child and of the front parlor that was only used for company. The carpet was cream colored with red roses. The furniture was a heavy dark mahogany with red velvet covering. Probably Eastlake furniture that was very popular at the turn of the century.

The second child of Martin and Thoran Hanson was Andrew Martinson, b. 9 June 1848, who immigrated in 1876, probably directly to his brother Hans in Rothsay. I do not know much about Andrew. The 1900 Federal census lists his occupation as a teamster, wife Karen, no children, living in the village of Rothsay. Living with them is Karen's mother, Marie O. age 76 from Norway and a "hired girl" Gina Johnson b. Mar. 1874.

In Gary Wigdahl's book, "Twist Hill and Prairie", Andrew is listed on the personal tax for Rothsay between pages 80-81. He is mentioned also in the 1895 newspaper the "Rothsay Record". It says "O.J. Schefstad (my maternal great great grandfather) and A. Martinson are digging a well for John Schefstad. They soon will be in some Chinamans rice field if they don't stop".

The third and fourth children of Martin and Thoran Hanson, Guldbrand and Tobias are not listed in the 1900 census of Wilkins County, and the archives in Norway has no date of immigration listed. Perhaps they remained in Norway, but I think not.

The fifth child, Maren Torine, b 10 or 13 Jan. 1857 immigrated with her parents. Martin and Thoran Hanson left Norway on 24 May 1883 coming directly to Rothsay. Maren married Ole Kristianson Krogstad about 1889 in Erskine, MN. Maren died 17 Feb 1947 in Erskine, MN. I have been corresponding with Maren and Ole's third child, Olive Krogstad Love who now lives in a retirement home in Nashville, Tennessee near her son Russel Love and family. The last year or so it has been difficult for Olive to write and her daughter-in-law Barbara Love has been answering my questions. She too is interested in genealogy and working on the Martinson, Krogstad Love families.

Maren and Ole Krogstad had four children.

1. Thes b. 27 Sept. 1891, m. Oscar Jensen 1913.
d. Oct 1967 in Effie, MN.
Children:
a. Irene Jensen, m. 1st Maurice Love, 2nd Karl F. Johnson
Children: Sharri, Daniel and Timothy Burnan.
b. Lila m. Lawrence Blackmer, children: Debra, Bruce
Lawrence
c. Alvin m. Beverly. Children: Valerie, Lex, Richard
d. Vernon m. Arlys Children: Tony, Randy, Barry,
Lesly, Tracy, Laurie
2. Cornelius b. 1 Jan 1895, d. Sept. 1895, Erskine, MN.

3. Olava - Olive b 16 Jan 1897 Erskine, MN
m Abraham Love 22 Nov. 1926
Children:
a. Russell J. Love b 11 Jan 1931 Chicago, Ill
m Barbara Williams 19 Aug 1961 Athens, Ohio
Steven M. Love 28 Jan 1964 Coral Gables, Fla.
Gregory C. Love b 13 Aug 1967 Chicago, Ill
b. Calvin Miles Love b 2 Mar 1937
m Sue Ungerleider 2 July 1960 Skokie, Ill
Children:
Peggy Lynn b 27 Apr 1961
David Mark b 20 Dec 1962
Andrew Ira b 6 Dec 1964
4. Mathilda b 19 Feb 1899
m. Adolph Miller
Children: Ray, Robert, Doris, Donald Miller

There possibly is a sixth child of Martin and Thoras; a daughter, Johanna, who could have been born between Culdbrand b. 1850 and Tobias, b. 1853 or between Tobias and Karen b. 1857. She is not listed in the birth record from Norway. Little is known of her. From Anna Loff Overby, I learned she married Ernest VonDom of Belgium. Anna tells this story, "I remember Mother (Gusta) and Grandma (Martha) telling of Grandma's Han's sister Anna coming from New York with her beautiful dresses. They were put in the front parlor on the farm, each dress so stiff they stood alone. Anna came to visit while her husband, an importer, was away on business. Later I think they moved to Colorado, where she had a millinery shop. My sister Mabel says they had a liquor store". Anna also remembers Melvin Jenson who had something to do with oil wells in Oklahoma and they would visit with Hans and Martha in Fergus. (Melvin was Martha's nephew.)

When Martin and Thoras left Norway on 24 May 1883 for America to Rothsay, they brought with them their daughter Maren Torine age 26 and also their granddaughter Maren Methea Tabiasdotter, b. 21 Mar 1874 (see Norway Archives sheet page 5). Her father was Tobias and mother Ingsborg Johansdotter Eger of Norway. Previously I mentioned the 1900 census of Andrew Martin, and the "hired girl Gina Johnson". Maren Methea and Gina are the same person. She was either listed incorrectly, names reversed in the recent Norway archives report or at time of birth or since there were two Marena, she may have taken her mothers name. Whatever- Inga Johnson's daughter of Tobias made her home with Andrew and Karen Martinson in Rothsay.

Thoras was a remarkable woman; a strong sturdy Norwegian who left her home in Norway, traveled half-way around the world to a new land at the age of 72. She was 12 years older than her husband Martin and 46 years old when she had her last child. They made their home with Hans and Martha.

Hans and Martha had 13 children, 9 lived to adulthood. We know of one child, Hanna, b. 1 Jan 1886, d. 1904. Then there are two found in the 1880 census, Tolwell b. 1876, Gustave b. 1879, and one more. Anna Cookman heard his name was Ole. A child could have been born in 1880 or 1881. There is also the story of the "two Martins." This story I heard from Anna Loff Overby, Kathilda Martin Isaacson, Olive Krogstad Love that the first Martin could be the missing child.

The marriage date for Hans and Martha (from her obituary) was listed as 6 Jan. 1869. My grandfather Martin was b. 29 Nov. 1871, so there would have been time for a first Martin to be born and died. This has been disproved by the 1870 Iowa census. Martha age 18 is still at home with her parents and the finding of Hans and Martha's wedding date as 13 Jan 1871, Marion Twp., Clayton Co., Iowa. So we still have one more child to be found. I believe the "two Martins" were Martin Hanson and my grandfather Martin Martinson.

Hans Martinson made 13 trips back to Norway; each time bringing more settlers to the area; a total of 27, often helping them finance the trip or a loan to get a start in the new land. He was a man of great wealth, a farmer, land investor, had interests in other business ventures and stockmarket, traveling to many states. He was a stern task-master, a man in control of himself, his business and the family. Martha was a courageous pioneer woman who worked hard in the fields with her husband besides raising the children. She had 16 pregnancies, 13 living children, 9 of whom lived to adulthood. Martha lived long before "women's lib" was even thought of. Hans trotted off to Norway 13 times and there is no record of her even going with him once! She stayed home with all the children and managed the farm. Off-da! In the records of all her good and great grandchildren, there is not one named Martha in honor of her.

After the death of Thoran Hanson in 1908, Hans and Martha moved to Fergus Falls to 719 Lakeside Drive W. with daughters Kathilda, Thea and Josie. This was a large two-story victorian home with "gingerbread" porches and a turret, surrounded by elm trees overlooking Lake Alice. The home on Lakeside Drive was destroyed in the cyclone of June, 1919. Martha and daughters Kathilda, Thea and Josie had driven to Fargo for the day or they might have been seriously injured. The home is pictured in the "Great Fergus Falls MN Cyclone" book by Lance E. Johnson on page 49, as unknown. I recognized the small oval window on the upstairs landing as the same house in an old cyclone picture of my mothers. It has been identified and the author notified. The home was rebuilt in 1920 and sold in 1925. Martha made her home with Josie and John Oyen in Fergus until her death on 30 Aug. 1936.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Quello officiating. Services were held at 3 p.m. at Hamar Lutheran Church in Rothsay. Martha is buried in Hamar Lutheran Cemetery.

Hans Martinson died of pneumonia on 17 Mar 1915 in Fergus Falls, MN. Funeral services were held in Fergus and also from Hamar Lutheran Church with Rev. Langeland officiating. He is buried in Hamar Cemetery, Rothsay, MN.

Another Pioneer Gone

at 17 Mar. 1915

**Hans Martinson Passes Away At
His Home in Fergus Falls.**

The inhabitants of Rothsay and vicinity were again surprised and grieved with the sad news of the demise of a former neighbor and well known citizen, when the report of the death of Hans Martinson reached them. Mr. Martinson died at his Fergus Falls home at 6:15, Wednesday evening, after a brief illness of only a week, with double pneumonia.

Mr. Martinson was born in Norway 69 years ago and came to America in 1868, settling in Clayton county, Iowa, where he resided only three years. He then came to Wilkin county and filed on a homestead in Tanberg, two miles and a half northwest of this village, where he and his family resided for many years and where some of his children still reside. He moved to Fergus Falls about eight years ago, where he has spent most of his time since, although he has made frequent visits to Rothsay since, having vast land interests in the vicinity.

Friends of Mr. Martinson, who have known him for 20 years say that he did not look much older the last time they saw him than he did the first time. Mr. Martinson's parents both lived to unusually old ages, his father being 86 and his mother 97 at the time of their respective deaths. Besides a devoted

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wife he leaves nine children to mourn his departure, four of his children having preceded him to the grave. Those living are: Martin, Jens, Thorvald, Gulbrand and Hilmer, all being prosperous farmers in this vicinity, Mrs. Loff of Kent, and Misses Mathilda, Thea and Josephine, who are at home in Fergus Falls.

Mr. Martinson was one of the first settlers of Wilkin county, and made a success as a farmer and business man, having gained a great wealth, owning land in various parts of U. S., and has traveled over many of the states, also has made thirteen trips to Norway.

Funeral services will be held in Fergus Falls, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and from Hamur church in this village at 2 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon Rev. Langland to officiate. The remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery south of town.

MRS. HANS MARTINSON DIES AT AGE 86
30 August 1936

Death has claimed another Rothsay pioneer, this time it being Mrs. Martha Martinson, who passed away Sunday, August 30th at the home of her youngest daughter Mrs. John Oyen in Fergus Falls. Complications due to infirmities of old age, were responsible for her demise.

Mrs. Martinson was born in Ringerike, Norway, Jan. 11, 1851, and came to America with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen, at the age of 15 years. The family settled near Elgin, Iowa, and it was there that she met and married Hans Martinson. They came to Rothsay in the early 70's and homesteaded two and a half miles northwest of this village. They made the trip here in a covered wagon and like many of the other early pioneers, suffered many hardships and deprivations. They made their home in the wagon the first year here and the following year they lived in a sod house for a time and later built a log cabin, hauling the logs from the vicinity of Elizabeth.

They worked hard and prospered and later built the only brick house in the vicinity of Rothsay. In 1906, they retired from the farm and moved to Fergus Falls, where they purchased a fine home, which was partly destroyed by the cyclone in 1919.

Mr. Martinson died in 1915, and since that time Mrs. Martinson had spent considerable time visiting at the homes of her children, making her home during the past 11 years at the home of Mrs. Oyen.

Mrs. Martinson is survived by nine children: Martin of Underwood, Jens of Rothsay, Mrs. Gusta Loff of Abercrombie, N. Dak., Thorwald and Gilbert of Rothsay, Mrs. Matt Isaacson of Fergus Falls, Hilmer of Rothsay, Mrs. Alfred Nelson of Barnesville, and Mrs. John Oyen of Fergus Falls. She is also survived by 42 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Bethlehem Church in Fergus Falls, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. Quello officiating. At 3 o'clock, services were held at Hamar Church in this village, with Rev. Salvason officiating. The five sons and John Loff, a son-in-law acted as pallbearers. The remains were laid to rest alongside those of her husband in the south cemetery.

Descendants of Hans and Martha					
Children	grand	great	great	great great	Total
Martin	1	1	3	4	10
Jens	12	58	162	86	319
Talvill?	-	-	-	-	1
Luster	7	20	58	22	108
Lustave	-	-	-	-	1
Ole?	-	-	-	-	1
Thorwald	3	7	13	-	24
Hanna	-	-	-	-	1
Gilbert	7	21	19	-	48
Mathilde	1	5	7	-	14
Hilmer	10	43	32	-	86
Thea	2	5	7	-	15
Josephine	3	8	-	-	12
13	46	168	301	112	640
December 1984					

DESCENDANTS OF HANS AND MARTHA MARTINSON

I. Martin H. Martinson

b 29 Nov 1871 Clayton Co., Iowa

d 15 Feb 1964 Tacoma, Washington

m. Minnie Josephine Lee

15 Mar 1999 Breckenridge, MN

b 11 May 1880 Manston Twp. Rothsay. MS

d 20 Aug 1964 Tacoma, Washington

Martin and family lived on a farm in Mitchell Twp. when Ida was born. Moved to Kent in 1903. In 1913 moved to a farm near Rothsay, MN., N.W. 1/4 of Sect. 22, Tanberg, Twp. In 1918 moved to Fergus Falls, MN., returned to farming near Norcross, later to Underwood, MN. In 1943, they moved to Tacoma, WA., and in 1947 lived with Ida and Francis Wilson.

A. Ida Mathilde Martinson

b 2 Mar 1900 Mitchell Twp., Rothsay, MN

m. Francis Theodore Wilson

5 Dec 1921 Fergus Falls, MN

b 23 Nov 1900 Dannelly, MN

d 10 Jan 1974 Tacoma, WA

Ida lives at 614 No. Madison, Tacoma, Washington.

1. LuVerne Lois Wilson

8 17 May 1925 Fergus Falls, MN

m John Richard Petersen

8 Sep 1946 Tacoma, WA

b 27 Dec 1922 Tacoma, WA

Lives in Longbranch, WA

a. Jeanette Lois Petersen

b 10 Jan 1949 Tacoma, WA

Dr. Jeffery A. Charbonneau

14 Apr 1973 Tacoma, WA

b 18 Feb 1950 Roy, WA

(1) Jenae' Alana Charbonneau

b 4 Jul 1976 Vancouver, WA

(2) Lisa Nicole Charboneau

b 4 Jul 1976 Vaughn, WA

Liver in Vaughn, WA.

b. Karen Marcia Petersen

b 1 Sep 1952 Tacom. WA

W. Miles A. Prim

26 Jul 1980 Longbranch, WA

b 26 Apr 1957 Livingston, MT

(1) Tara Marie Fries

b 23 Jun 1984 Fountain Valley, CA

Lives in Fountain Valley, CA

c. Lisa Anne Petersen

b 15 Sep 1955 Tacoma, WA

m David C. Packard

24 Jun 1978 Tacoma, WA

b 29 Aug 1955 Wenatchee, WA

(1) Matthew David Parker

b 12 Sep 1982 Tacoma, WA

Lives in Tacoma, WA.

JENS MARTENSON FAMILY

b 30 Mar 1874 Clayton, County, Iowa
d 18 Jul 1949 Rothsay, MN
12 Oct 1898 Rothsay, MI
b 25 Jan 1874 Rothsay, MI
d 20 Sep 1940 Rothsay, MN

12 Oct 1898 Rothsay, MN
b 25 Jan 1874 Rothsay, MN
d 20 Sep 1940 Rothsay, MN

b 28 Aug 1899 Rothsay, MN
27 Nov 1925
b 1 Nov 1903
d 18 Jul 1979

b 16 Sep 1926

4 16 Sep 1926

b 21 Dec 1927

b 13 Feb 1945

b 18 Aug 1945

2 Apr 1966 Divorced 1980

Oct 1961

b 8 Oct 1968

b 7 Dec 1972

23 Aug 1946

27 May 1967 Divorced

b 27 Jun 1971

b 8 Apr 1949

Aug 1969

b 19 May 1949

b 17 Mar 1975

b 19 Apr 1978

b 29 Oct 1952

31 Jul 1977

b 7 Oct 1955

b 1 Dec 1981

b 22 Jun 1958

Jane
Alice

- b. Gary Earl Williams b 8 Jul 1953
m Marcie Anne Frisby 20 Apr 1973 Div.
(1.) Christine Ann Williams b 22 Feb 1976
(2.) Melinda Sue Williams b 24 Jan 1978

m Marva Skaddoy 26 Nov 1980
b 24 Jun 1954
(3.) Randi Marie Williams b 14 May 1981
(4.) Kaleb Earl Williams b 8 Oct 1983

c. Andy Neil Williams b 5 Oct 1953
m Pamela McHenry 6 Jun 1976
b 15 Oct 1953
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.

d. Timothy Jay Williams b 9 Dec 1956
m Mary Lou Huchinger 24 May 1977
b 5 Jul 1959
(1.) Jill Marie Williams b 24 Feb 1978
(2.) Julie Elene Williams b 4 Oct 1980
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.

e. Martin Lee Williams b 24 Sep 1958
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.

5. Robert Jonell Dodson b 10 Oct 1932
m Karen Rhea Miller 4 Jun 1959 Div. 1980

a. David Allen Dodson b 15 Jan 1972 Adopted

b. Katherine Elia Dodson b 21 Sep 1984
Lives in Kansas City, Mo.

6. Geraldine Dodson b 1936
d 1956

7. Sharon Ilene Dodson b 31 Aug 1938
m Leslie F. Beeks 27 Jan 1963
b 15 Oct 1939
a. Cynthia Ilene Beeks b 15 Jul 1964
b. Angelia Carol Beeks b 4 Apr 1967
Lives in LaVista, Neb.

Alice Martinson Dodson
7 Children
19 Grandchildren
~~24~~ Great-grandchildren
~~47~~ 50

Jens
Alice

- b. Gary Earl Williams b 9 Jul 1953
m Marcia Anne Frisby 20 Apr 1973 Div.
(1.) Christine Ann Williams b 22 Feb 1976
(2.) Melinda Sue Williams b 24 Jan 1978

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Jens
Harry

- B. Henry Gilman Martinson b 3 Mar 1901 Rothsay, MN
d 16 Apr 1901 Rothsay, MN
- C. Harry Gilman Martinson b 26 Jul 1902 Rothsay, MN
m. Viola Irene Toso 30 Aug 1939
b 25 Mar 1917
- Lives in Rothsay, MN.
1. Gene Martinson b 31 Jan 1937 (son of Viola's 1st m)
m. Linda Lee Nelson 16 Dec 1961
- a. Kristie Lee Martinson b 20 Jul 1962
b. Kerri Jean Martinson b 29 Aug 1964
Lives in Underwood, MN.
2. Sharon Diane Martinson b 10 Oct 1940
m. Ronald P. Deitscham 31 Dec 1960
- a. Steven Ronald Deitscham b 4 Aug 1961
m. Jane Bailey 14 Feb 1982
b 3 Oct 1960
- (1) Sean Steven Deitscham b 15 Oct 1982
Jane had two daughters:
Monique b 2 Jul 1978
Kristie b 26 Jul 1980
Steven is in the Air Force in England
- b. David Allen Deitscham b 25 Jun 1963
m. Shirl Forsberg 14 Feb 1982
David is in the Marines at New Fort, N.C.
- c. Michael Kent Deitscham b 18 Jan 1970
Lives in Willmar, MN.
3. Bonita Joy Martinson b 23 Jul 1942
m. Harry K. Lankow 28 Dec 1962
b 18 Jan 1941
- a. Wendy Joy Lankow b 25 Sep 1963
- b. Dawn Rense Lankow b 25 May 1966
- c. Nathan James Lankow b 8 Aug 1974
Lives in Winton, Iowa.

Jens
Harry

4. Ronald Harry Martinson b 31 Dec 1943
 m. Nancy Ann Schultz 6 Aug 1965
 b 14 Sep 1945
- a. John Richard Martinson b 22 Dec 1963 (son of Nancy's 1st m)
- b. James Lee Martinson b 9 Feb 1966
- c. Matthew Wade Martinson b 11 Nov 1969
- d. Amy Jo Martinson b 21 Oct 1975
 Lives in Hutchinson, MN.
5. Timothy Mark Martinson b 3 Sep 1954
 m. Judy Kay Western 21 Sep 1974
 b 1 Apr 1953
- a. Tyler Isaac Martinson b 13 May 1980
- b. Luke Timothy Martinson b 19 Apr 1982
- c. Erica Jean Martinson b 19 Feb 1984
 Lives in Worland, Wyoming.

Harry Martinson

5 Children
15 Grandchildren
1 Great-grandchild
16

Jens
Clara

- D. Clara Thelmina Martinson
m. Anton Julius Anderson
Lives near Foxhome, MN.
- b 13 Jan 1904 Rothsey, MN
18 Nov 1926
b 27 Feb 1903
1. Orio Justin Anderson
m. Virginia O'Challa
Lives in Winthrop, MN.
- b 26 May 1927
29 Nov 1947
b 11 Nov 1926
- a. Steven Anthony Anderson
m. Valerie Sue Stone
- b 25 Apr 1949
16 Aug 1970
- b. Renae Sonja Anderson
m. Terry Martin Wilheem
(1) Justin Carl Wilheem
(2) Brady Lynn Wilheem
- b 14 Jan 1953
11 Aug 1972
b 26 Dec 1978
b 5 Jul 1980
- c. Shelia Rae Anderson
m. David Honl
(1) Shane David Honl
(2) Cody Craig Honl
- b 18 Jan 1956
30 Jun 1979
b 1 Jun 1953
b 12 Mar 1980
b 28 Sep 1982
- d. Rhonda Sue Anderson
m. Thomas Wilheem
(1) Melissa Dawn Wilheem
(2) Brett Thomas Wilheem
- b 22 May 1958
12 Jun 1976
b 10 Jan 1951
b 1 May 1980
b 13 Sep 1983
2. Marcella Carol Anderson
m. Wilfred Heitkamp
Lives in Breckenridge, MN.
- b 3 Nov 1928
28 Dec 1946
b 3 Feb 1921
- a. Sharon Heitkamp
m. Gene Henry
(1) Brian Henry
(2) Barry Henry
(3) Beth Ann Henry
- b 17 Nov 1943 (Wilfred's 1st w)
30 Apr 1963 Div.
b 26 Sep 1966
b 14 Nov 1969
d 2 Jul 1972
b 8 Dec 1972
- b. Corrine Mae Heitkamp
m. Bruce Langendorfer
(1) Sean Langendorfer
(2) Yvette Langendorfer
Lives in Wahpeton, N.D.
- b 14 Jan 1948
4 Jan 1969
b 14 Aug 1948
b 5 June 1971
b 19 Aug 1974

Jens
Clara

- c. Neil Eugene Heitkamp
m. Cheryl Anne Wheelhouse
n. Julie Keller
(1) Veronica Heitkamp
(2) Joshua Willie Heitkamp
(3) Angela Heitkamp
b 12 Jan 1950
5 Jun 1971 Div.
20 Aug 1979
b 16 Jan 1975
b 24 Feb 1980
b 27 Oct 1983
- d. Gary Paul Heitkamp
n. Carolyn Styer
(1) Stacey Heitkamp
(2) David Paul Heitkamp
b 6 Apr 1951
8 May 1971
b 15 Sep 1971
b 3 Sep 1973
- e. Richard LeRoy Heitkamp
b 16 Oct 1954
- f. Lynette Kay Heitkamp
m. Kenneth J. Klosterman
b 1 Jan 1959
29 Jul 1978
b 25 Jul 1959
- g. Anthony Wayne Heitkamp
b 28 Jan 1961
- h. Scott Bernhard Heitkamp
m. Nancy Kappes
(1) Nathan Scott Heitkamp
(2) Natalie Heitkamp
b 14 Aug 1962
17 Jul 1982
b 29 Sep 1982
b 24 Feb 1984
- i. Danny Lynn Heitkamp
b 14 Feb 1964
- 3. Calmer Roland Anderson
m. Judy Ione Klicker
b 24 Nov 1930
3 Sep 1951
b 25 May 1932
Lives in Clear Lake, S.D.
- a. Denise Renae Anderson
m. Steven Nannestad
(1) Joshua John Nannestad
(2) Zackary Lynn Nannestad
b 3 Nov 1952
28 May 1972
b 6 Feb 1951
b 4 May 1977
b 31 Dec 1980
- b. Jean Marie Anderson
m. Larry R. Underberg
Lives in Kearney, Neb.
b 3 Feb 1955
31 May 1980
b 21 Jul 1955
- c. Kevin Calmer Anderson
Lives in Clear Lake, S.D.
b 10 Feb 1961
- 4. Darlene Joyce Anderson
m. Robert Ehlert
Lives on a farm near Foxhome, MN.
b 15 Jun 1932
24 Oct 1950
b 31 Aug 1919

Jens
Clara

- a. Paul Bernhard Ehlert b 22 Apr 1952
 m. Jane Schrantz 18 Nov 1972
 b 15 Jan 1952
 (1) Casey Ehlert b 8 Apr 1975
 (2) Michael Ehlert b 10 Jun 1979
 Lives on a farm near Foxhome, MN.
 (3) Gina Rae Ehlert b 6 Jun 1984
- b. Robert Allan Ehlert b 16 Aug 1953
 m. Joann Huse 27 Jun 1975
 b 16 Jan 1954
 (1) Robert Ronald Ehlert b 22 Nov 1978
 (2) Karl Jo Ehlert b 28 May 1980
 Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- c. Carol Jean Ehlert b 20 Mar 1955
 m. Wayne Edward Colby 28 Jun 1980
 b 22 Apr 1955
 (1) Rebecca Lynn Ehlert Colby b 26 Jul 1981
 (2) Travis Arthur Ehlert Colby b 16 Sep 1983
 Lives in Wahpeton, N.D.
- d. William Lee Ehlert b 4 Apr 1956
 m. Liz Great 29 Aug 1981
 1. William Duane Ehlert b 6 Jan 1983
- e. Carrie Joann Ehlert b 24 Oct 1958
 d 12 May 1963
- f. Caren Jane Ehlert b 7 Dec 1961
 m. Greg Deal 26 Sep 1981
 (1) Emily Suzanna Deal b 3 Jul 1984
 Lives in Fargo, N.D.
5. LeRoy Errol Anderson b 16 Oct 1938
 m. Joan Bonnie Kath 23 Oct 1959
 b 29 Jul 1941
 Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Dale LeRoy Anderson b 11 Nov 1960
 m. Bonnie Danielson 10 Jan 1981
 b 21 Oct 1961
 (1) Jill Eleanor Anderson b 31 Jul 1982
 Lives in Minneapolis, MN.
- b. Dawn Joan Anderson b 18 Jul 1962
- c. Dean Errol Anderson b 5 Aug 1967
- d. David Lee Anderson b 18 Dec 1969

Jens
Clara

6. Wanda Lou Anderson b 1 Feb 1940
 m. John Lowell Hought 12 Apr 1959
 b 4 Mar 1941
 Lives on a farm near Foxhome, MN.
- a. Tazmy Louise Hought b 1 Feb 1960
 m. Barry Boeson 23 Jun 1979
 b 7 Nov 1960
 (1) Jarrod John Boeson b 2 Jul 1982
- b. Theresa Lynne Haught b 4 Apr 1961
 m. John Allen Hanson 27 Nov 1982
 (1) Alisha Jean Hanson b 13 Mar 1984
- c. Timmie Lowell Haught b 1 Jun 1964
- d. Tony Haught b 4 Feb 1970
7. Keith Arden Anderson b 26 Oct 1941
 m. Eileen Vera Shol 11 Jun 1966
 b 3 May 1943
 b 20 Nov 1966
- a. Todd Anton Anderson b 18 Dec 1963
- b. Bradley Keith Anderson b 12 Jul 1973
 Lives in Alexandria, MN.
- c. Nichole Lee Anderson b 12 Jul 1973
8. Karen Ann Anderson b 3 Nov 1942
 m. Eldon LeRoy Larson 31 Aug 1963
 b 9 Aug 1937
 Lives near Rothsay, MN.
- a. Troy Eldon Larson b 22 Oct 1966
- b. Chad Arthur Larson b 25 Jan 1969
- c. Elise Joy Larson b 8 Aug 1971

Jens
Clara

9. Lynn Allan Anderson	b 10 Jun 1948
m. Judy Ann Thompson	d 21 Feb 1979
	1 Feb 1969
a. Kyle Lynn Anderson	b 7 Sep 1969
b. Kyrk Allan Anderson	b 15 Jul 1971
c. Kelly Derke Anderson	b 21 Oct 1972
Judy A. Thompson Anderson	
m. David Carlson	24 Jul 1980
(1) Ryan Matthew Carlson	b 15 Jun 1981

Clara

9 children
38 grandchildren
~~32~~ great-grandchildren
79

Jens
Herman

E. <u>Herman Morris Martinson</u> m. Dorothy Elizabeth Farringer	b 5 Jan 1906 19 Nov 1930 b 26 Sep 1911
Live in Pelican Rapids, MN.	
1. Delores Mae Martinson m. Donald Orris Monson	b 18 May 1931 17 Jun 1951 b 1 Oct 1927
Lives near Pelican Rapids, MN.	
a. Donna Marie Monson m. Dale Smith	b 29 Jun 1953 30 Dec 1978 b 21 Aug 1948 b 24 Mar 1970 b 7 Jan 1974 (first m of Dale Smith)
(1.) Rachel Smith (2.) Sonia Smith Lives in Fargo, N.D.	
b. Diane Renee Monson	b 3 Jun 1957
2. Elaine Margaret Martinson m. Gordon Harold Sneva	b 8 Jan 1935 1 May 1954 b 31 May 1932
Lives in Brainerd, MN.	
a. Lenny Jay Sneva m. Joy Aakerud	b 6 Sep 1954 12 Jun 1976 Div.
b. Bradley Jon Sneva m. Cindy Martman	b 10 Dec 1957 16 Oct 1982 b 16 Jan 1958 b 26 Jan 1963
(1.) Katie Ann Sneva	
c. Brian Lee Sneva	b 25 Mar 1962
3. Herbert Eugene Martinson	b 2 Mar 1935
4. Avis Irene Martinson m. John Ed. Pearson	b 14 May 1936 27 Jun 1958 b 7 Jun 1933

Jens
Herman

a. Mark Ed. Pearson b 19 Apr 1959
m. Debra Susan Tow 21 Mar 1981

b. Gary Allan Pearson b 26 Sep 1960

c. David John Pearson b 10 Aug 1963

d. Scott Daniel Pearson b 16 Dec 1966
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

5. Lawrence Edwin Martinson b 7 Jul 1937
m. Anita Jane Thorson 4 Jun 1960
b 11 Jan 1940
Lives in Brainerd, MN.

a. Laurie Lynn Martinson b 24 Sep 1961
m. Mark Levig 19 Apr 1980
(1) Marcia Ann Levig b 26 Feb 1981
(2) Melissa Kynn Levig b 27 Aug 1982
(3) Bret Alan Levig b 23 Jan 1984

b. Leslie Wayne Martinson b 23 Apr 1964

c. Troy Allen Martinson b 9 May 1968

6. Donald Allan Martinson b 13 Oct 1938
m. Kathleen Gladys Holte 27 Dec 1964
b 3 Mar 1941

a. Valerie Kay Martinson b 16 Jul 1965

b. Pamela Joy Martinson b 8 Jun 1968

c. Allan Donald Martinson b 11 Jul 1969
Lives in Pelican Rapids, MN.

7. Norris Eugene Martinson b 14 Feb 1941
m. Marlene Martha Abbot 13 Jul 1963
b 15 Aug 1943

a. Monica Martha Martinson b 17 Oct 1968

b. Monte Morris Martinson b 5 Nov 1970
Lives in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Jens
Herman

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| 8. | Marven LeRoy Martinson | b 20 Mar 1942 |
| | m. Winnifred Clara McMullen | 19 Mar 1966 |
| | Lives in Pelican Rapids, MN. | b 13 Jun 1945 |
| | a. Beth Marie Martinson | b 22 Jun 1968 |
| | b. Cindy Martinson | b 12 Nov 1969 |
| 9. | Judith Ann Martinson | b 14 May 1944 |
| | m. Lawrence J. Grahn | 17 Nov 1962 |
| | | b 7 Feb 1942 |
| | a. Terri Allen Grahn | b 12 Dec 1964 |
| | b. Craig John Grahn | b 23 Jun 1967 |
| | c. Julie Ann Grahn | b 18 Nov 1973 |
| | Lives in Praseu, MN. | |
| 10. | Marlene Rose Martinson | b 18 Jun 1945 |
| | m. Donald Reinhold Matz | b 19 Sep 1964 |
| | | b 25 May 1940 |
| | a. Kevin Don Matz | b 26 Mar 1968 |
| | b. Keith Eugene Matz | b 12 Sep 1971 |
| | Lives in St. Cloud, MN. | |
| 11. | Carol Ilene Martinson | b 29 Jul 1947 |
| | m. Duane Arvin Haiby | 18 Sep 1965 |
| | | b 24 Apr 1946 |
| | a. Steven Wayne Haiby | b 28 Aug 1966 |
| | b. Dennis Haiby | b 17 Jun 1970 |
| | Lives in Pelica Rapids, MN. | |
| 12. | Linda LuJean Martinson | b 23 Jun 1949 |
| | m. LeRoy C. Miller | 19 Mar 1972 |
| | | b 22 Nov 1945 |
| | a. Kimberly Lynn Miller | b 28 Apr 1975 |
| | b. John Coleman Miller | b 24 Mar 1982 (Adopted) |

Jens
Herman

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| 13. Connie Joy Martinson | b 26 Feb 1954 |
| m. Vernon Wifall | 7 Jun 1975 |
| | b 25 Oct 1975 |
| a. Lisa Kay Wifall | b 18 Jul 1977 |
| b. Niki Jo Wifall | b 4 Aug 1980 |
| c. Jesse Edward Wifall | b 26 Nov 1982 |
| Lives in Pelican Rapids, MN. | |

Herman Martinson

13 Children

30 Grandchildren

6 Great-grandchildren

49

Jens
Effie

F. Effie Marjorie Martinson
m Rollie James Rix
b 19 Sep 1907 Rothsay, MN
21 Nov 1931
b 22 Aug 1902
d 6 Aug 1978
Effie lives in Fergus Falls, MN

1. Wylene Marjorie Rix
m Albert Earl Melkert
b 8 Jun 1932
20 Jan 1952
b 28 Aug 1925
Lives on a farm near Erhard, MN.

a. Denny Lee Melkert
m Cheryl Heggen
b 26 Aug 1952
3 Aug 1973
b 6 Sep 1934
(1.) Lisa Rae Melkert b 26 Aug 1975
(2.) Anie Jo Melkert b 17 Feb 1978
Lives near Rothsay, MN.

b. Gregory Earl Melkert b 13 Mar 1955

c. Becky Lynn Melkert b 10 May 1956
m James Lloyd Baumgartner 15 Jun 1974
b 11 Sep 1954
(1.) Larry James Baumgartner b 16 Nov 1975
(2.) Jason Paul Baumgartner b 23 Feb 1980
Lives in Breckenridge, MN.

d. Kevin Albert Melkert b 2 May 1962
m Linda Richards 20 Oct 1984 (She has a daughter Nicholas 6 yrs)

e. Brian Rollie Melkert b 7 Oct 1969

2. Beverly Ann Rix b 13 Dec 1933
m Robert Earl Richards 11 Sep 1954
b 27 Jul 1926
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

a. Douglas Robert Richards b 9 Feb 1956
m Tamara Jean Zummech 23 Sep 1978
b 10 Sep 1959
(1.) Craig Douglas Richards b 30 Mar 1983
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

b. Brenda Kay Richards b 17 Jun 1959

c. Bradley Earl Richards b 19 Apr 1961
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

Jens
Effie
Anna

3. Richard Dale Rix b 25 Jun 1937
m Becky Jorgenson 11 Aug 1962 Div 1976
m Leona Bociz b 2 Aug 1944
a. Richard Dale Rix 7 July 1978
b 15 Sep 1964
b. Rebecca Carrie Rix b 28 Jun 1967
Lives in Fargo, N.D.
4. Joan Marie Rix b 18 Jul 1943
m George Dean Fick 11 May 1959
b 23 Nov 1959
a. Todd Dean Fick b 16 Feb 1960
m Michelle Dee Haugan 7 Apr 1984
(1) Tara Jo Fick b 15 Sep 1984
b. Chad Alan Fick b 1 Nov 1962
m Christine Marie Peterson 7 May 1980
(1) Melissa Sue Fick b 15 Apr 1983
(2) Terry James Fick b 3 Dec 1984
c. Rodney Lee Fick b 4 Jul 1965
Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
5. James Rollie Rix b 9 Aug 1944
m Charlotte Elaine Baker 1 May 1965
b 26 Jun 1946
a. Michael James Rix b 5 Nov 1965
Lives in Moorhead, MN.

Effie Martinson Rix
5 Children
14 Grandchildren
8 Great-grandchildren
27

- G. Anna Irene Martinson b 21 Feb 1909 Rothsay, MN
m Wm Frederick Cookman 7 Nov 1942
b 8 Jul 1912
d 6 Nov 1947

Anna does volunteer work at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, MN -- and is my co-genealogist for this story of "Hans and Martha".

Jens
Junith

- H. Junith Myrtle Martinson
m Jeffrey Milton Christenson
- b 21 Sep 1910
5 Dec 1929
b 13 Oct 1899
d 21 Apr 1938
- Junith lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
1. Joseph Maynard Christenson
m Sally Mae Forma
- b 15 Feb 1938
30 Nov 1957
b 5 Sep 1934
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Jody Lynn Christenson
m Ronald Herbert Brasel
- b 10 Oct 1958
7 Aug 1982
- b. Jane Ailene Christenson
m Todd Champ
(1.) Jeremiah Champ
- b 11 Jan 1960
27 Nov 1982
b 15 Dec 1984
- c. Jay Joseph Christenson
- b 28 Jun 1968
2. Jeffrey Milton Christenson
m Betty Joan Lloyd
- b 30 Aug 1932
27 Sep 1952
b 28 Feb 1933
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- a. Barbara Ann Christenson
m Michael Yateboe
- b 6 Mar 1952
1 Sep 1972
b 30 Dec 1952
(1.) Brook Stephanie Yateboe
(2.) Branden Ray Yateboe
- b 7 Oct 1974
b 28 Aug 1978
- Lives in Fargo, N.D.
- b. Linda Kay Christenson
m Mark Wesley Skriem
- b 22 Jun 1954
21 Dec 1974
b 2 Dec 1952
(1.) Timothy Mark Skriem
(2.) Terri Michelle Skriem
- b 5 Oct 1976
b 22 Apr 1979
- Lives in St. Cloud, MN.
- c. Jeffrey Milton Christenson, Jr.
- b 6 Jun 1955
26 Apr 1975 Div.
b Amy Beth Doyle
15 Jul 1983
(1.) Alexis May Christenson
b 16 Mar 1984
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- d. Jon Timothy Christenson
m Monica Marie Seipel
- b 4 Jun 1960
10 May 1980 Eau Claire, WI
b 4 Dec 1958
b 8 Nov 1984
- (1.) Gabriel Jon
- Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.

Jens
Junith

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| e. Pamela Jean Christensen | b 5 Mar 1965 | |
| m Bruce Allen Stone | 5 Nov 1983 | |
| (1) Tyler Bruce Stone | b 5 May 1984 | |
| Lives in Moorhead, MN. | | |
| 3. Maxine Mae Christenson | b 29 May 1934 | |
| m Eddie Huotari | 21 Mar 1953 | Div. |
| m Kenneth Lee | 2 Sep 1972 | |
| Lives in Glenwood, MN. | | |
| a. Cynthia Marie Huotari | b 7 Oct 1953 | |
| m Steve Skodje | 5 Nov 1970 | |
| (1) Chris Steven Skodje | b 15 Sep 1953 | |
| (2) Casey Charles Skodje | b 24 Dec 1970 | |
| | b 22 Aug 1978 | |
| b. Mark Owen Huotari | b 19 Jul 1955 | |
| m Diane Gauthier | 8 Aug 1981 | |
| (1) Chase Martin Huotari | b 9 Feb 1982 | |
| Lives in Texas. | | |
| c. Lynette Jean Huotari | b 29 Dec 1957 | |
| m Claude Smith | 6 Sep 1980 | |
| (1) Taylor Allen Smith | b 21 Apr 1959 | |
| Lives in Glencoe, MN. | b 19 Jul 1982 | |
| d. Danny Lee Huotari | b 8 Dec 1958 | |
| e. Sonia Rae Huotari | b 4 Aug 1961 | |
| m John Richard Gandrud | 1 Sep 1979 | |
| (1) Matthew John Gandrud | b 14 May 1960 | |
| (2) Sarah Marie Gandrud | b 9 Jan 1982 | |
| Lives in Villard, MN. | b 31 May 1984 | |
| f. Monte Jay Huotari | b 1 Aug 1964 | |
| 4. David Lyle Christenson | b 15 Jun 1937 | |
| m Sylvia J. Sampson | 11 Feb 1961 | |
| Lives in Fergus Falls, MN. | b 19 Jun 1942 | |
| a. Carrie Rae Christenson | b 8 Jan 1962 | |
| m Charles Wayne Brue | 13 Nov 1982 | |
| (1) Titus Wayne Brue | b 15 Oct 1984 | |

Jens
Junith

- b. Scott David Christenson b 23 Dec 1962
 m Valerie Denise Hajek 23 Jun 1984
 - c. Dawn Renee Christenson b 27 May 1964
 - d. Carla Jo Christenson b 2 Mar 1967
 - e. Debra Kay Christenson b 2 Apr 1970
 - f. Bradley David Christenson b 5 Nov 1972
- H. Junith Myrtle Martinson Christenson
 - m Sigurd Christenson 20 Mar 1962
 b 26 Jun 1904
- 5. Sanford Oriyn Christenson b 21 Jul 1943
 m Katrina Mae Carnett 2 Jun 1967
 b 29 May 1947
 - a. Alicia Diane Christenson b 25 Jul 1970
 - b. Jason Allen Christenson b 4 July 1972
 Lives in Fergus Falls, MN.
- 6. Ruth Arlene Christenson b 5 Dec 1944
 m Robert Lowell Vetrus 26 Sep 1964
 b 16 Sep 1943
 - a. Shane Alan Vetrus b 11 Nov 1969
 - b. Ryan Michael Vetrus b 22 Feb 1977
 Lives in Fairbault, MN.
- 7. Paul Leslie Christenson b 17 Jun 1946
 m Mary Jo Melby 22 Jun 1968
 b 6 Dec 1947
 - a. Charles Paul Christenson b 2 Sep 1970
 d 15 Nov 1982
 - b. Matthew Jon Christenson b 25 Feb 1973
 - c. Benjamin Lee Christenson b 16 Nov 1977
 Lives on a farm south of Foxhome, MN.

Jens
Junith

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| 8. | Mary Jo Christenson
m David Paul Tonneson | b 29 Aug 1952
6 Apr 1974 |
| | a. Deanna Joy Tonneson | b 25 Jan 1976 |
| | b. Denny Paul Tonneson | b 8 Nov 1977 |
| | c. Nathan Alan Tonneson
Lives near Fergus Falls, MN. | b 19 Aug 1983 |
| 9. | Joel Lynn Christenson
m Debbie Seastedt | b 5 Jan 1954 (twin)
17 Aug 1974
b 27 Apr 1954 |
| | a. Stacy Jane Christenson | b 19 May 1979 |
| | b. Dustin Joel Christenson
Lives near Fergus Falls, MN. | b 8 Mar 1982 |
| 10. | Jerry Lee Christenson
m Charlene Thompson | b 5 Jan 1954 (twin)
23 Nov 1974
b 31 Jul 1956 |
| | a. Jeremiah Lee Christenson
Lives in Moorhead, MN. | b 9 Nov 1979 |
| | b. Anna Marie Christenson | b 8 Dec 1984 |

Junith

10 Children
33 Grandchildren
15 Great-grandchildren
58

Jens
 Esther
 Ruby

I. Esther Melvina Martinsen b 3 May 1912
 Lives in Rothsay, MN in the home of her parents, Jens and Mathilda
 Martinsen. She worked in the telephone office about 30 years; now
 retired.

J. Ruby Henrietta Martinsen b 25 Jun 1914, Rothsay, MN
m Gilman Anderson 7 Apr 1937
 b 5 Mar 1901
 Lives near Terrebonne, Oregon.

1. Margaret Carol Anderson b 14 May 1938
m James Bratcher 21 Jan 1967
 a. Susan Carol Bratcher b 1 Aug 1968
 b. David James Bratcher b 13 Jul 1970
 Lives in Rockville, Maryland.

2. Russel Gilman Anderson b 17 Aug 1941
m Karlan Elaine Trachael 8 May 1965 Div.
 b 29 Aug 1946
 a. Tracy Lynn Anderson b 22 Dec 1965
 b. Theresa June Anderson b 23 Dec 1969
 Lives in Oregon.

3. Michael Jens Anderson
 Lives in Oregon.

4. Steven Lynn Anderson b 26 Jun 1947
m Diane Zeigler 29 Mar 1969
 b 21 Mar 19--
 a. Eric Steven Anderson b 13 Oct 1969
 b. Kristina Diane Anderson b 6 Jan 1972
 Lives in Corvallis, Oregon.

Ruby
4 Children
6 Grandchildren
 10

Jens
Ella
Lester

- K. Ella Russell Martinson
m Harold Gesling
b 23 Feb 1916 Rothsay, MN
22 Jul 1944
b 27 May 1916
Lives in Mechanicville, Iowa.
1. Michael Robert Gesling
m. Linda Kay Flockhart
b 27 Apr 1945
19 Jun 1964
a. Sherri Lynn Gesling
b 27 Apr 1945
b 25 Jul 1967 (Adopted)
b. Kimberly Ann Gesling
b 10 Aug 1970
Lives near Mechanicville, Iowa.
2. Kay Marie Gesling
m Jim Butler
b 3 Mar 1947
26 Jul 1969
a. Elizabeth Ann Butler
b 31 Aug 1946
b 12 Jul 1977
b. Christina Marie Butler
b 21 Jul 1980
c. James Andrew Butler
b 2 Dec 1983
Lives in Plainview, Conn.
3. John Jens Gesling
b 29 Aug 1948
4. Denis Lor Gesling
m Wayne Leaf
b 1 Jul 1953
19 Sep 1972 Div.
a. Jason Wayne Leaf
b 11 Jan 1973
a David Robert Seiler
1 Jul 1982
Lives in Newark, Ohio
5. Charles Dean Gesling
m Candi Ferguson
b 3 Sep 1958
28 Apr 1984
Lives in Stanwood, Iowa.

Ella

5 Children
7 Grandchildren
12

- L. Lester Woodruff Martinson
m Georgine Madeline Wehl
b 1 Nov 1917
30 Jul 1946
b 30 Mar 1927
Lives in Rothsay, MN.

JENS

12 Children
58 Grandchildren
162 Great-grandchildren
86 Great-great-grandchildren

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Gusta
AnnaIII. Towell Martinson

b 1876

IV. Gusta Martinson

m John Henry Loff

b 30 Oct 1877 Rothsay, MN
 d 9 Mar 1976 Abercrombie, N.D.
 18 Jul 1901 Rothsay, MN
 b 19 Feb 1878 Gudbjerg, Denmark
 d 1960 Abercrombie, N.D.

John Loff owned a general store in Kent, MN and moved to Abercrombie
 where he operated another general store.

A. Anna Margaret Loff

m Melvin Ingbert Overby

b 7 Jul 1902 Kent, MN.
 12 Dec 1923
 d 28 Sep 1970 Abercrombie, N.D.

Anna lives in Abercrombie, N.D.

1. Dale Marilyn Overby

m Eileen L. Nettikopp

a. Debra Jean Overby

m Allen Anthony Newbar

b 14 Apr 1931 Abercrombie, N.D.
 29 Aug 1952 Barney, N.D.
 b 18 Feb 1955 Barney, N.D.
 11 Sep 1982

b. Dean Marlin Overby

b 8 Mar 1956 Barney N.D.

c. Janice Kay Overby

m David Byron Rupp

1. Tyler David Rupp

b 17 Apr 1957
 4 Dec 1976 Edgeby, N.D.
 b 10 Sep 1980

d. Lonnie Jo Overby

b 3 Mar 1962 Calcutt, N.D.

e. Kyle Dale Overby

f. Jade Cole Overby

b 23 Feb 1974 Ellendale, N.D.

Dale and Eileen live on family farm of Anna and Melvin Overby.

2. David Dean Overby

m Anna Marie Shultz

a. David Dean Overby

m Randy-

1. Christine Ann Overby

b 8 Nov 1934 Abercrombie, N.D.
 San Leanders, Ca

b 5 Apr
 Jun 1979
 b 2 Nov 1980

b. Deborah Deanna Overby

b 17 Sep
 3 Oct 1981 Loomis, CA

m Sterling Springs

c. Daniel Overby

b 8 Feb

d. Daren Overby

b 21 Jan 1973

Lives in Loomis, CA.

Gusta
Anna

3. Daryl Melvin Overby b 19 1939 Abercrombie, N.D.
 m Jane Suzanne Alm 10 Sep 1960 Wolverton, MN
 a. Laurie Rae Overby b 18 Aug 1961 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b. Betty Sue Overby b 10 Nov 1962 Abercrombie, N.D.
- c. Tammy Lynn Overby b 31 Oct 1969 Galchutte, N.D.
- d. James Daryl Overby b 24 Jan 1972 Galchutte, N.D.
- e. Gerald James Overby b 23 Jan - Galchutte, N.D.
 Lives on a farm near Abercrombie, N.D.
4. Diane Janice Overby b 21 Apr 1941 Abercrombie, N.D.
 m Hjalmer Hendrickson 20 Jun 1959 Galchutte, N.D.
 m Richard Iota 6 Jan Moorhead, MN.
 a. Donae Kae Hendrickson b 13 Mar 1961 Abercrombie, N.D.

Gusta
Nabel

B. Mabel Henrietta Loff
m Bernhard Bakken

Nabel lives in Fargo, N.D.

1. Leanne Bakken
m Orris Ganshaw
a. William Ganshaw

- b. Laurel Ganshaw
m Jay Vagts
1. Natalie Vagts

- c. Mark Ganshaw
m Sonja Schmidt
1. Jacob Ganshaw

2. Berton Bakken
m Marion Walden
a. Bonnie Bakken
m Larry Young
1. Young
2. Young
Lives in San Diego, Ca.

- b. Brian Bakken
m Robin Winterbloom
1. Son Bakken
2. Son Bakken
- c. Branda Bakken
m Leo Unternilty
1. Twin Girls
Lives in Sacramento, CA.

- d. Bonita Bakken
m Monty Census
1. Son
2. Son

- e. Barrie Bakken

b 4 Dec 1903 Kent, MN
b 2 Dec 1895 Hickson N.D.
d 13 Dec 1943 Abercrombie, N.D.

b 15 Sep 1922 Abercrombie, N.D.
25 Oct 1943
b 21 Feb 1932 Fargo, N.D.

b 5 Jun 1959

b 14 Jan 1983

b 3 Oct 1954 Jamestown, N.D.
Colfax, N.D.
b 24 Feb 1982

b 2 Aug 1924
14 Sep 1948 Fargo, N.D.
b 27 Jun 1949
30 Jun 1973 Lakewood, N.D.

b 24 Mar 1950
Sacramento, CA

b 10 May 1952
Sacramento, CA
b 26 Apr 1983

b 18 Feb 1954
Reno, Nevada

b 28 May 1966

Custo
Mabel
Magnus

3. Darlene Bakken
m Earl Keland
Lives in Sisseton, S.D.
 a. Denise Keland
 m Robert Kruse
 1. Tarry Kruse
 2. Randy Kruse
 3. Rechail Kruse
 Lives in Winona, MN.
 b. Lance Keland
 Lives in Minneapolis, MN.
 c. Kevin Keland
 m Annette Kroft
 1. Byrant Darin Keland
 2. Lynsey Marie Keland
 b 9 Sep 1928
 Jun 1943
 b 7 Mar 1943
 Dec 1963
 b 20 Jul 1964
 b 16 Sep 1965
 b 10 May 1969
 b Nov 194-
 b 28 Mar 1949
 1 Jun 1973 Bismark, N.D.
 b 26 Jun 1975
 b 28 Apr 1978
4. Janet Bakken
 b 11 Nov 1931
 d 30 Jan 1932
5. Carole Bakken
 m William Herzog
 a. Paul Herzog
 b. Kay Herzog
 c. Leah Herzog
 Lives in Chadron, Neb.
- C. Magnus Harry Loff
 m Agnes Bakken
 1. Denman Loff
 m Mary -
 a. John Craig Loff
 b. Jeffrey Loff
 c. Scott Loff
 2. Roger Loff
 m Carol Hansen
 m Judy
 a. Debra Loff
 b. Gary Loff
 c. Karen Loff
 d. Roger Loff
 b 9 Sep 1905 Kent, MN
 d 28 Aug 1972 Reno, Nev.
 10 Sep 1926 Moorhead, MN
 b 6 Mar 1907 Abercrombie, N.D.
 b 25 Dec 1927 Abercrombie, N.D.
 b 8 Oct 1931 Abercrombie, N.D.

Gusta
John
Eva

D. John Henry Loff

m Minnie Solon

1. Lavonne Loff

m Wallace Rustang

- a. Daniel Rustang
- m Pamela Ernest
- 1. Angela Rustang
- 2. Rebecca Rustang

- b. Vickie Rustang
- m Lyn Syertson
- 1. Saley Syertson
- 2. Marshall Syertson
- 3. Courtney Syertson

- c. John Rustang
- m Joan Stenstjen

- d. Thomas Rustang

- e. James Rustang

2. Terry Loff

m Clifford Bates

- a. Scott Bates

- b. Nosty Bates

- c. Brian Bates

E. Eva Catherine Loff

m Urban Oscarson

Lives in Henning, MN.

- 1. Linda Nell Oscarson
- m Todd H. Hansen
- a. Marian Amelia Hansen
- b. Andrea Brin Hansen

- 2. Pamela Ruth Oscarson
- m Glen W. Johnson
- a. Kya Lee Johnson
- b. Karl Lynn Johnson

- 3. Neal Robert Oscarson
- m Terry Lillejard
- a. Mark Howard Oscarson

- 4. Evan Charles Oscarson
- m Mary Frances Olson

- b 25 Sep 1907 Kent, MN
- d 25 Mar 1967
- Sep Moorhead, MN
- b 8 Jun 1907 Wolverton, MN
- b 1 Oct 1930 Abercrombie, N.D.
- Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 24 Dec 1952 Fargo, N.D.
- S.D.
- b- Fargo, N.D.
- b- Fargo, N.D.
- b 2 Feb 1954 Fargo, N.D.
- Abercrombie, N.D.
- Abercrombie, N.D.
- Abercrombie, N.D.
- Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 26 Jun 1956 Fargo, N.D.
- Watford City, N.D.
- b 6 Dec 1957 Fargo, N.D.
- d Aged 2
- b 30 May 1944 Fargo, N.D.
- b 23 Nov 1963 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 6 Jun 1966 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 26 Apr 1975 Abercrombie, N.D.
- b 7 Sep 1909 Kent, MN
- b 6 Jun 1940
- b 2 Dec 1976
- b 8 Feb 1978
- b 13 Jul 1945
- b 5 Nov 1976
- b 7 Jun 1978
- b 21 Aug 1948
- b 27 Oct 1980
- b 10 Aug 1952

Gusta
Ruth
Esther

F. Ruth Loff

b 1 Jul 1911
d 1914 Kent, MN.

G. Esther Viola Loff
m James Andrea Flaa

b 18 Jan 1915 Kent, MN.
b 13 Apr 1920 Abercrombie, N.D.
d 3 Jan 1973 Abercrombie, N.D.

Esther lives in Abercrombie, N.D.

1. John Loff Flaa
m Joanne Synrad
a. John Christopher Flaa

b 21 Feb 1944
17 Jul 1965
b 26 Jan 1969

b. Sandra Lynn Flaa

b 31 Dec 1966

c. Brandon James Flaa

b 1 Dec 1966 Kindred, N.D.

John is a Lutheran Minister in Kindred, N.D.

2. Jan Cynthia Flaa
m Jerveld Ulven
a. Jan Kaye Ulven

b 19 Sep 1946
6 Sep 1968
b 1 Oct 1973

b. James Jerold Ulven

b 2 Aug 1974

c. Jill Michelle Ulven

b 26 Nov 1979

d. Jonathan Ryan Ulven

b 8 Dec 1981

3. Andrea Gail Flaa
m Terry Forness
a. Jeffrey Andres Forness

b 2 Jul 1952
24 Jul 1976
b 7 Oct 1979

b. Stephanie Michelle Forness

b 23 Sep 1982

GUSTA

7 Children
20 Grandchildren
58 Great-grandchildren
22 Great-great-grandchildren
107

V. Gustave Martinson

b Sep 1879

VI. Ole? Martinson

b

Thorwald
Williams
Kathryn

VII. Thorwald Martinson

m Clara Skriden

b 27 Jan 1883 Rothsay, MN
d 30 May 1941 Rothsay, MN
Rothsay, MN
b 20 Sep 1885 Rothsay, MN
d 1 Apr 1978 Rothsay, MN

Thorwald's farm was the S.E. 1/4 Sect. 8 Trondjem Twp., Ottertail Co., near Rothsay.

A. William Martinson
m Orice Bailey

b 30 Oct 1914 Rothsay, MN
22 Nov 1939
b 13 Aug 192-
b 13 Feb 1940
d 18 Aug 1942

1. Patsi Lou Martinson

2. Duane Martinson
m Eileen Knutson
a. Bradley Martinson

b 4 Aug 1943
10 Aug 1965 Div.
b 17 Aug 1965

b. Gregory Martinson

b 13 Feb 1968

c. Dawn Martinson

b 7 Jun 1972

d. Jeffrey Martinson

b 18 Dec 1973

e. Randy Martinson

b 2 Sep 1975

3. Virgil Martinson
m Myrna Hagen
a. Patsi Lou Martinson

b 15 May 1946
18 Sep 1965
b 29 Oct 1968

b. Pamela Lynn Martinson

b 17 Dec 1971

B. Kathryn Martinson
m John Flatin

b 11 Mar 1916 Rothsay, MN
16 Mar 1941 Rothsay, MN
b 11 Nov 1910
d -

m Randy Peterson

Jun 1984

1. Joan Flatin
m Tony Rice
a. Alias Jo Rice

b 1 Nov 1941 Rothsay, MN
8 Jun 1968 Div.
b 14 Mar 1971 Phoenix, Az.

b. John Rice

b 27 Sep 1972 New Beach, CA

2. Robert John Flatin
m Sharon Anderson
a. Melissa Jo Flatin

b 15 Feb 1945 Rothsay, MN
4 Jan 1964 Rothsay, MN
b 10 Oct 1974 Rothsay, MN

b. Michael John Flatin

b 27 Oct 1976 Rothsay, MN

Thorwald
James

C. James Martinson
m Evelyn Hawley

b 10 Jan 1918 Rothsay, MN
10 Oct 1943
b 1 Mar 1921

1. Bonita Martinson
m Thomas Fosse

b 31 Dec 1944 Rothsay, MN
2 Apr 1965

a. Brian Fosse

b 12 Dec 1944
b 3 Nov 1965

b. Teress Fosse

b 13 Jun 1969

2. Richard Martinson
m Sheila Calevace

b 9 Oct 1946 Rothsay, MN
31 Oct 1970 Rothsay, MN
b 6 Sep 1944

THORWALD

3 Children
7 Grandchildren
13 Great-grandchildren
23

VIII. Hanna Martinson

b 1 Jan 1886 Rothsay, MN
d 30 Apr 1904 Rothsay, MN

Gilbert
Clarice
Hazel

IX. Gilbert Martinson

m Minnie Skriden

b 13 Dec 1886 Rothsay, MN
d 30 Nov 1964 Rothsay, MN
30 Jun 1918 Rothsay, MN
b 25 Sep 1892 Rothsay, MN
d 12 Oct 1975 Rothsay, MN

Lived on a farm near Rothsay -- NW 1/2 Sect 26 Tanberg Twp.

A. Clarice Margaret Martinson
m Orris B. Grina

b 15 Jun 1919 Rothsay, MN
30 Nov 1941 Rothsay, MN
b -
d 29 Mar 1975 Rothsay, MN

1. Phyllis Grina
m Dewayne Balke

b 22 Feb 1943 Rothsay, MN
6 Jul 1963

- a. Robin Balke
- b. Darin Balke
- c. Tracey Balke

b 10 Dec 1963 Rothsay, MN
b 8 May 1966 Rothsay, MN
b 24 Jun 1969 Rothsay, MN

2. Bruce Grina

b 31 Mar 1952 Rothsay, MN

B. Hazel Jessamine Martinson
m James T. Kaine

b 15 Jan 1921 Rothsay, MN
25 Sep 1945 Rothsay, MN
b 18 Sep 1919

1. Mary Kaine
m Dennis Bires

b 24 Jan 1941
19 Jun 1964
b 6 Sep 1938

- a. Mary Bires
- b. Anne Bires
- c. Denise Bires
- d. Cathy Bires

b 19 Aug 1965
b 6 Dec 1967
b 9 Dec 1969
b 22 Dec 1971

2. Maurice Kaine
m Nelson Wright

b 24 Nov 1946
16 Dec 1967

- a. Brian Wright
- b. Christopher Wright
- c. Heather Wright

b 9 Nov 1971
b 9 Nov 1974
b Aug 1979

3. Debbie Kaine
m Terrance Johnson

b 28 Mar 1951
16 Oct 1971

- a. Eric Johnson
- b. Keri Johnson

b 6 Sep 1973
b 9 Aug 1977

4. Michael Kaine
m Marianna

b 25 Jan 1956
13 Jun 1981

Gilbert
Louella
Marcella
Charles

- C. Louella Oleole Martinson b 15 Apr 1923 Rothsay, MN
d 9 Jan 1980
m Walter Bjorkland 18 Jun 1946
1. Warren Bjorkland b 23 Oct 1946
 2. Roger Bjorkland b 1 Jul 1948
 3. Joyce Bjorkland b 13 Nov 1950
 4. Paul Bjorkland b 18 May 1960
- D. Oscar Sylvester Martinson b 9 Jan 1926 Rothsay, MN
- E. Chester Wilbur Martinson b -
d -
m Myrtle Trosvig
3 daughters
- F. Marcella Genevieve Martinson b 27 Apr 1929
m Vernon Nettestad 30 Jun 1948
Live in Tintah, MN.
1. Thomas Nettestad b 16 Sep 1949
m Vickie Stegman 21 Aug 1971
 - a. Brian Nettestad b 14 Nov 1976
 - b. Allison Nettestad b 18 Mar 1980
Lives in Fargo, N.D.
 2. Patricia Nettestad b 30 May 1954
m Michael Bergquist 17 Sep 1977
 - a. Kare Bergquist b 31 Aug 1979
 - b. Heidi Bergquist b 1982
Lives in Foxhome, MN.
 3. Steven Nettestad b 14 Oct 1955
m Sherry Aarness 8 Apr 1978
- G. Charles Robert Martinson b 27 Jul 1934 Rothsay, MN
m Mary Anne Berglund 17 Aug 1957
1. Joan Martinson b 27 Jun 1958
d 7 Sep 1969
 2. David Martinson b 1 Oct 1959
 3. Gary Martinson b 14 Mar 1960
 4. Kay Martinson b 26 Jul 1961
 5. Brian Martinson b 14 Aug 1968
Lives in Varneville, MN.

Gilbert

7 Children
21 Grandchildren
19 Great-grandchildren
47

Mathilda
Marlyn

X. Mathilda Martinson

b 24 Jun 1889 Rothsay, MN
d -

m Oscar Skriden
m Matt Isaacson

18 Nov 1925 Fergus Falls, MN
b 29 Mar 1881
d 27 Apr 1968 Fergus Falls, MN

Matt and Mathilda lived at 514 No. Union, Fergus Falls all their married years. In 1977, Mathilda sold the home, moved to an apartment in St. Paul. She now makes her home with Marlyn and Bob Weber. Mother and I visited her in June 1982. She was disappointed she couldn't dance at the wedding of Nancy Nelson Onnen (Beverly Oyen Nelson's daughter) due to a cumbersome cast on her leg.

A. Marlyn Ene Isaacson
m Robert E. Weber

b 30 Nov 1929 Fergus Falls, MN
16 Sep 1951 Fergus Falls, MN
b -

1. Barbara Lynn Weber
m Donald Wayne Larson
a. Jamie Kaye Larson
b. Jason Troy Larson
c. Jerome Larson
2. Janet Lee Weber
m Martin Beukhof
a. Christine Anna Beukhof
b. Stacy Lee Beukhof
c. Thomas Andrew Beukhof
3. Mark Robert Weber
m Sandra J. Elliott
a. Breonna Lynn Weber
4. Paul Jan Weber
5. Deborah Joyce Weber
m Charles Eugene Pitzer

b 18 Dec 1952 St. Paul, MN
18 Aug 1975 St. Paul, MN
b 3 Sep 1978 St. Paul, MN
b 7 May 1981 St. Paul, MN
b 1983 St. Paul, MN

b 25 Sep 1954 St. Paul, MN
7 Jun 1975 St. Paul, MN
b 11 May 1978 Excelsior, MN
b 5 May 1980 Excelsior, MN
b 12 Nov 1982 Excelsior, MN

b 1 May 1956 St. Paul, MN
28 May 1983 St. Paul, MN
b 31 Aug 1984 St. Paul, MN

b 14 Jun 1959 St. Paul, MN

b 13 Jul 1963 St. Paul, MN
b 7 Jan 1968 St. Paul, MN

Mathilda

1 Child
5 Grandchildren
7 Great-grandchildren
13

Hilmer
Oline

II. Hilmer H. Martinson

m Ellen Klengson

b 24 Apr 1891 Rothsay, MN
d 25 Jul 1978 Breckenridge, MN
2 Jul 1918 Rothsay, MN
b 11 May 1900
d 2 Dec 1974 Rothsay, MN

Hilmer and Ellen lived on the Hans Martinson farm, Tanberg Twp. when they were married in 1918. In the fall of 1935, the family moved to Everdell, MN where they farmed until 1956. Moved to Breckenridge. In 1962 they moved to a cottage on South Turtle Lake.

A. Oline Martinson

m Joyce Mittag
Lives in Lakeside, Arizona.

b 14 Feb 1919 Rothsay, MN
14 Oct 1942 Wahpeton, ND

1. Wayne Martinson
m Mary Donald
a. Meredith Martinson
b. Kara Martinson
c. Matthew Martinson

b 14 Oct 1943 Wahpeton, ND
31 Aug 1968 Wahpeton, ND
b 13 Dec 1971 Minneapolis, MN
b 22 Sep 1975 Minneapolis, MN
b 26 Sep 1978 Green Bay, WI

2. Diane Martinson
m Donovan McConn
a. Donovan McConn
b. Eric McConn

b 24 Jun Wahpeton, ND
11 Aug 1966 Phoenix, AZ
b 11 Sep Phoenix, AZ
b 14 Dec 1973 Concord, CA

3. Gary Martinson
m Laura Nehls
a. David Martinson

b 19 Aug 1949 Breckenridge, MN
24 Aug 1974 Pinetop, AZ
b 2 Aug 1976 Pinetop, AZ

4. Joanne Martinson
m Thomas Dow
a. Will Gary Dow

b 6 Oct 1951 Mesa, AZ
16 Oct 1982 Mesa, AZ
b 8 Mar 1984 Mesa, AZ

5. Jerry Martinson
m Cynthia Wentling
m Holly Earl
a. Nicholas Martinson
b. Gregory Martinson

b 30 Apr 1955 Breckenridge, MN
27 Aug 1977 Div. 1981
4 Aug 1983 Las Vegas, NV
b 7 Feb 1978
b 16 Apr 1981

B. Miriam Martinson

m Joel Shelstad

b 10 Feb 1920 Rothsay, MN
15 Jun 1941
d 22 Jan 1980

Miriam lives in Morris, MN.

1. Marilyn Joel Shelstad
m Susan Scott

a. Eric Jon Shelstad
b. Sara Amy Shelstad
Lives in Alexandria, MN.

b 12 Jun 1942
15 Jun 1963
b 18 Jan 1943
b 20 Aug 1966
b 18 Aug 1967

Hilmer
Ellsworth
Lorraine

2. Beverly Jean Shelstad
m Donald Struxness
b 24 Aug 1945
26 Dec 1968
b 13 Jun 1945
a. Daniel Oscar Struxness b 17 Oct 1970
b. Kari Jean Struxness b 11 Jun 1972
c. Janelle Tamara Struxness b 15 May 1976
Lives in Milan, MN.
3. Paul John Shelstad
m Kathy Haeborgen
b 17 Jun 1949
d 6 Feb 1984
1 Nov 1975
b 14 Jun 1956
a. Wayne Shelstad b 17 Nov
d 3 Apr 1980
b. Stacy Marie Shelstad b 12 Jan 1978
c. Janie Renee Shelstad b 17 Jul 1979
d. Heidi Lynn Shelstad b 4 Mar 1981
Lives in Foxhome, MN.
4. Robert James Shelstad
m Roberta Ann Barth
b 26 May 1954
11 Sep 1976
b 30 Jun 1955
a. Stephanie Ann Shelstad b 13 Sep 1979
b. Kristen Rae Shelstad b 21 Mar 1983
Lives in Fargo, N.D.
- C. Ellsworth Martinson
m Violet Gerhardsen
b 19 Sep 1921
8 Dec 1946 Minnesota
b 30 Jun 1924
Lives in Chula Vista, CA.
1. Sandra Kay Martinson
m Charles Brown, Jr.
b 14 Mar 1948 Fergus Falls, MN
10 Jun 1972, Studio City, CA
2. Roger Aaron Martinson
m Terri Hasemeyer
b 28 Dec 1949 Fergus Falls, MN
16 Aug 1975, Covina, CA
a. Heather Joy b 21 Jun 1978 San Diego, CA
b. Matthew Aaron b 7 Mar 1981 San Diego, CA
3. Colleen Ann Martinson
m Michael Schwietaer
b 24 Sep 1951 Minneapolis, MN
b 29 Jan 1972 Chula Vista, CA
a. Derek Lee b 21 Jun 1981 San Diego, CA
4. Evon Orle Martinson
m Stella
b 20 Nov 1954 Breckenridge, MN
Div.
m Kathy Fuller 16 Feb 1985 Chula Vista, CA
- D. Lorraine Martinson
m Herman Lankow
b 9 Feb 1924 Rothsay, MN
21 Sep 1952 Foxhome, MN
b 14 Apr 1917 Foxhome, MN
d 27 Mar 1970 Fergus Falls, MN
Lorraine lives in Fergus Falls, MN

Hilmer
Alwin

1. ~~Joann~~ Jean Lankow b 31 Dec 1953 Fergus Falls, MN
 2. Lynette Joan Lankow b 17 Jan 1955 Fergus Falls, MN
 3. Michael Dean Lankow b 2 Dec 1958 Fergus Falls, MN
- E. Alwyn Martinson b 28 Jul 1926
 m Marilyn Lankow b 13 Aug 1931
 Lives in Vergas, MN.
1. Dennia Martineen b 12 Dec 1951
 2. David Martinson b 16 Jul 1953
 3. Donna Martinson b 17 Jan 1955
 m Kenneth Sitzow
 a. Marcus
 4. Mary Lou Martinson b 5 Dec 1958
 5. Carol Elaine Martinson b 27 Dec 1960
 m David Kakle
 a. Jared
- F. Gordon Martinson b 9 Dec 1927 Rothsay, MN
 m Artis Lankow b 18 Mar 1934
 Lives in Breckenridge, MN.
1. Noel Martinson b 26 Jan 1955
 m Melissa
 2. Cheryl Martinson b 6 Feb 1957
 m Ronald Goldsade
 a. Devra
 b. Jolene
 3. Vickie Martinson b 14 Jul 1960
 m Kenneth DeYoung
 4. Beth Martinson b 27 Jul 1961
 5. Kim Martinson b 26 Sep 1965
- G. Conrad Martinson b 30 May 1929
 d 1982 Div.
 m Waynda Siseen
1. Duane Martinson b 14 May 1952
 m Vicky
 a. Son
 b. Son
 2. Linda Martinson b 5 Feb 1954
 m Bill
 3. Jay Brian Martinson b 29 Nov 1956

64.
Hilmer
Virginia
Donald
Janice

- H. Virginia Martinson
m Francis Lankow
Lives in Rothsay, MN.
b 22 Apr 1932
b 6 Sep 1923
1. Gayle B. Lankow
m Judy
a. Casey Lankow
b 19 May 1953
2. Garry Lankow
m Barbara
a. Benjamin Lankow
b. Barry Lankow
b 6 Oct 1954 Div.
3. Glen Lankow
b 19 Aug 1956
4. Jean Ann Lankow
m Craig Lyne
a. Aaron Lyne
b 6 Apr 1961
5. Gregory Lankow
b 17 Nov 1966
d 8 Feb 1981
- I. Donald Martinson
m Richadine Gast
Lives in Boonville, Indiana.
b 11 Nov 1937
b 3 Dec 1939
1. Jennifer Martinson
b 11 Oct 1960
2. Cynthia Martinson
b 15 1962
3. Stephanie Martinson
b 26 Oct 1964
4. Scott Martinson
b 22 Jan 1967
- J. Janice Elaine Martinson
m Kalvia Garret Michels
Lives in Breckenridge, MN.
b 28 Aug 1941 Breckenridge, MN
b 1 Aug 1939 Wahpeton, ND
1. Kevin Garret Michels
b 5 Aug 1964 Breckenridge, MN
2. Jodi Kay Michels
b 3 May 1966 Breckenridge, MN
3. Jill Renae Michels
b 4 Jul 1969 Breckenridge, MN
4. Janel Elaine Michels
b 20 Aug 1970 Breckenridge, MN
5. Julie Ann Michels
b 2 Mar 1975 Breckenridge, MN

Hilmer
43 Grandchildren
32 Great-grandchildren
75

- Thea
Fred
Mary
- XII. Thea Martinson
 m Alfred John Nelson (Al)
 b 9 Mar 1893 Rothsay, MN
 28 Oct 1920 Fergus Falls, MN
 b 14 Jul 1894 Rothsay, MN
 b 15 Nov 1973 Fergus Falls, MN
 Thea lives with her daughter Mary and William Lakie in Macomb, Ill.
- A. Alfred John Nelson (Fred)
 m Patricia Kay Beithom
 b 15 Aug 1922 Fergus Falls, MN
 29 Mar 1945 Delroy Beach, FL
 b 20 Feb 1925 Iowa City, IA
 Lives in St. Paul, MN.
1. Karen Elizabeth Nelson
 m Charles L. Littlefield
 a. Nicholas Littlefield
 b. Holly Allison Littlefield
 Lives in Maple Grove, MN.
 b 7 Jun 1946 Henkinson, ND
 24 Sep 1977 Stillwater, MN
 b 2 Nov 1979 Edina, MN
 b 6 Apr 1983 Newark, OH
2. Marcia Beth Nelson
 m Kenneth R. Luther
 a. Craig Luther
 b. Hester Luther
 c. Bradley Luther
 Lives in Roscoe, IL.
 b 4 Apr 1950 Wahpeton, ND
 6 Mar 1971 St. Paul, MN
 b 3 Jun 1973 Lake Forest, IL
 b 7 Jan 1975 Lake Forest, IL
 b 9 Oct 1979 St. Charles, IL
- B. Mary Josephine Nelson
 m William Loren Lakie
 b 28 Oct 1925 Fergus Falls, MN
 21 Mar 1948 Barnesville, MN
 b 20 Feb 1925 Barnesville, MN
 Lives in Macomb, IL.
1. Susan Kathleen Lakie
 Lives in Oakland, CA.
 b 21 Apr 1949 Minneapolis, MN
2. Patricia Mary Lakie
 m Preston Eric Peterson
 a. Melanie Lakie Peterson
 b. Timothy Arthur Peterson
 Lives in Napa, CA.
 b 18 Jun 1953 Sioux Falls, SD
 15 Jun 1975 Davis, CA
 b 17 Apr 1980 Sonoma, CA
 b 20 Apr 1984 Napa, CA
3. Ann Elizabeth Lakie
 Lives in Oakland, CA.
 b 1 Jan 1956 Rochester, MN

Thea

2 Children
 5 Grandchildren
 7 Great-grandchildren
 14

Josie
Marion
Beverly
John

XIII Josephine (Josie) Martinson

m John Isaac Oyen

b 12 Jul 1895 Rothsay, MN
d 25 Jan 1975 Fergus Falls, MN
28 Jun 1917 Fergus Falls, MN
b 5 Nov 1890 Manchester, MN
d 17 Oct 1962 Fergus Falls, MN

John and Josie lived at 207 E. Verbon Ave., Fergus Falls, MN.

A. Marion Constance Oyen
m John Snowberg
Lives in Fergus Falls, MN

b 16 May 1919 Fergus Falls, MN
7 May 1943 Fergus Falls, MN

1. John Atlee Snowberg
2. Gene Elliot Snowberg

b 16 Aug 1946 Fergus Falls, MN
b 6 Apr 1950 Fergus Falls, MN

B. Beverly Joyce Oyen
m Stewart Richard Nelson
Lives in St. Paul, MN.

b 18 Mar 1926 Fergus Falls, MN
14 Oct 1950 Fergus Falls, MN
b 16 Jun 1922 St. Paul, MN

1. Jeffrey David Nelson
m Reni Gower
2. Randall Stewart Nelson
m Anne Christine Schadege
3. Nancy Ann Nelson
m James Cooper Ohman

b 15 Sep 1953 Fairmont, MN
2 Jan 1982 Madison, WI

b 1 Nov 1956 St. Paul, MN
25 Oct 1980 St. Paul, MN

b 20 Dec 1953 St. Paul, MN
12 Jun 1982 St. Paul, MN

C. John Vincent Oyen
m Carol Solland

b 7 Jun 1934 Fergus Falls, MN
26 Jul 1958 St. Paul, MN
b 11 Apr 1933

Lives in Minneapolis, MN.

1. John Vincent Oyen, Jr.
2. Eric Scott Oyen
3. Christian Lee Oyen

b 15 Nov 1959 St. Paul, MN
b 7 Jan 1962 Madison, WI
b 10 Jan 1971 Le Sueur, MN

Josie
3 Children
5 Grandchildren
8

In the past several years, I have attended two Scandinavian Genealogy Seminars at Pacific Lutheran University, given by Prof. Gerhard Næseth of Madison, Wisconsin. He is director of the Vesterheim Genealogical Center, a division of the Norwegian-American Museum of Decorah, Iowa.

Prof. Næseth is in the process of researching and writing a book on Norwegian Emigrants of Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Much of the information in this story has been sent to him, on the families of Norway, Hans and Martha's immigration, settling in Iowa and Minnesota and their children.